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Dear Ms Dawes

Greater Lincolnshire LEP – Assurance Framework

I am writing to you pertaining to the requirement for all LEP's to align to the National Assurance Framework and specifically the formal sign off by the Accountable Body's Section 151 Officer.

Lincolnshire County Council has acted as the Accountable Body for the Greater Lincolnshire LEP since 2014. During this time we have supported the LEP in implementing the necessary practices and standards to provide Government and local partners with assurance that decisions over assigned funding are proper, transparent, and deliver value for money.

The Assurance framework was independently audited as part of the 2017 sign off to ensure that it met the minimum standards as set out within the National Assurance Framework dated November 2016.

As required we continue to strengthen the framework and as such we have focussed much of our efforts in implementing the Mary Ney review recommendations and ensuring that these are reflected (where appropriate) within our Local Assurance Framework.

Aligned to this we have ensured that changes reflected in the Assurance Framework also feed through to the LEP website and that the most recent documentation is published in accordance with new requirements.

Please accept this letter as signed certification that the Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership's Assurance Framework has been agreed, is being implemented and meets the standards set out in the national guidance published in November 2016.

We are aware of and continue to feed into, the ongoing discussions around the remaining elements of the Mary Ney review actions and following the release of additional guidance and the proposed updated national framework in June will do a further review and amend as necessary.

Should you require any further information then please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of team.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Moore', with a horizontal line underneath.

Pete Moore
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