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Dear Tim,

Local Government Reorganisation – Kent LGR Implementation Reserve

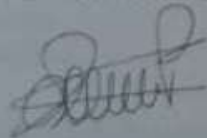
As per the 'Kent LGR Implementation Reserve Memorandum of Understanding' prepared by Kent Finance Officers and agreed by Local Authority Chief Executives on 06 March 2026, on behalf of Folkestone and Hythe District Council, this letter confirms our commitment to the process of jointly forming an LGR implementation Reserve to fund the costs of reorganisation up to vesting day. This includes the costs of the Programme Director, Programme Management Office, and Strategic Business Partner for which we request Kent County Council to be the lead procurement organisation on behalf of all Councils.

As per the MoU, we agree to hold Kent & Medway's portion of the £63m, estimated to be £900k per new unitary, in a single central partnership pot at Kent County Council within a dedicated budget and utilised solely for use towards LGR/devolution-related work. This is as directed by LGR Programme Board (LA Chiefs) in consultation with the Senior Responsible Officer and Programme Director, and in accordance with Government guidance.

If the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) funding is paid directly to individual councils, we agree to transfer the funding received to Kent County Council, in line with the previously agreed MoU.

We are committed to funding our share of any residual costs of the procurement and associated costs once any Government funding has been exhausted, as per the apportionment contained within the MoU, and/or any sunk costs if the LGR process is paused or cancelled.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Susan Priest
Chief Executive