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Dear Lord Houchen

Responding to Panel's Recommendations of Tees Valley Review

We understand that the Panel has requested that you respond to the Secretary of State with an initial report indicating how TVCA will respond to their recommendations.

The working group created to consider the Recommendations has formulated an Action Plan which has been considered over the last week. We agree that you should now issue the Action Plan to the Secretary of State demonstrating TVCA's proposed approach to progressing the Recommendations.

In addition, it would be helpful if at the Cabinet meeting on the 15th March we can discuss and agree how we as Cabinet move forward over the coming months to oversee the development of this work, the process for ensuring transparency and appropriate rigour and scrutiny is applied to each of the workstreams.

Yours sincerely

Lord Ben Houchen
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