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**Committee on
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Tim Bowles
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14 June 2017

Dear Tim Bowles,

May I firstly congratulate you on your election as mayor for West of England.

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Andy Street
Mayor of the West Midlands
16 Summer Lane
Birmingham
B19 3SD

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Andy Burnham
Mayor of Greater Manchester
GMCA
Churchgate House
56 Oxford Street
Manchester
M1 6EU

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Dear Andy Burnham,

May I firstly congratulate you on your election as mayor of Greater Manchester.

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Steve Rotheram
Mayor of Liverpool City Region
1 Mann Island
Liverpool
L3 1BP

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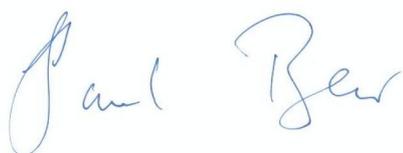
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Ben Houchen
Tees Valley Combined Authority,
Cavendish House
Teesdale Business Park
Stockton-on-Tees
Tees Valley
TS17 6QY

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Dear Ben Houchen,

May I firstly congratulate you on your election as mayor of Tees Valley.

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James Palmer
Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough
East Cambridgeshire District Council
The Grange
Nutholt Lane
Ely
Cambridgeshire
CB7 4EE

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