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Clive Betts MP
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Dear Mr Betts

Thank you for your recent correspondence. I can confirm that the two reports regarding child sexual exploitation dating from 2008 and sent with the last bundle of documents are the correct reports. I suspect the point being made by Mrs Thacker at the Select Committee is that had the reports been forwarded to Cabinet there would have been an opportunity to raise the issue to a wider body of members and it may have been given greater prominence than occurred.

You have also invited Councillor Lakin to provide information regarding resourcing requirements. In this respect, we estimate that we will need to make financial provision for additional post abuse support, for a dedicated Child Sexual Exploitation coordinator to work across all agencies and staffing to cope with additional referrals at least into the medium term. We estimate that the resourcing requirements for this will amount to approximately £250,000 in each of the next three financial years. We are not in a position to quantify the cost of additional external support we need to assist with investigations flowing from the Jay report, but a conservative estimate might be up to £100,000 to be met this financial year and next.

In addition, the Council will also need to invest in systems development to ensure that it’s ICT infrastructure is fit for purpose, can talk to partner systems and will link effectively to a geographic data base to allow both spatial and thematic analysis of offender profiles. We estimate to implement this effectively and allow for data migration we will need to make provision for a capital spend of in excess of £1 million over the next two financial years.

Finally, we will need to make financial provision for compensation to victims and support from Government for a capitalisation direction for any such costs would be helpful.

Yours sincerely

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