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Dear Mr Eaton,

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Thank you for your letters of 2 October 2017 to the Prime Minister, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. Your letters has been forwarded to me to respond on local government pay matters.

The government recognise and appreciate the commitment of hard working staff in local government who deliver and support local services. We recognise that it has been a challenging period for the whole public sector including local government which has continued to deliver those key services valued by the public.

Local government pay matters are devolved and it is for the national employers and local government unions to make decisions. Public sector pay policy set by HM Treasury does not strictly apply to local government although of course the sector will have regard to it when determining pay deals.

I am aware that the Sector – employers and unions - have been engaged on work to review the national pay spine and my officials will continue engage with Local Government Association on the impact and implications of this work.

Your Sincerely,

Marcus Jones

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