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Dear Leader,

Office for Local Government

I am writing following the Secretary of State's announcement of my appointment as interim Chair of the Office for Local Government (Oflog), and the letter to you from the Minister for Local Government.

As the Minister said in his letter, Oflog has the objective of highlighting the work of local government, shining a light on excellence and providing data about the performance of authorities. It seeks to strengthen local leaders' knowledge of their services even further, and to assist central government to better identify trends within and support which may be needed for the excellent work that colleagues in local government do every day. My role as chair is to act in an independent advisory capacity for Oflog.

Co-design with local government partners will underpin the development and success of Oflog. We will continue to work with councils, councillors and mayors, and with the Local Government Association, to develop this new office and make sure it adds value. As chair, I want to focus on engagement to understand what the local government sector requires from Oflog and how it can add value to councils. Over the coming weeks, I will be getting in touch with a number of colleagues across the sector, particularly through the various sector bodies and networks, to hear your views on Oflog and how it can best add value for you.

I look forward to working with you.

Yours sincerely,

Lord Morse
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