

Thames Valley Council Leaders
Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Swindon

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Dear Minister McMahon,

Thames Valley Mayoral Strategic Authority

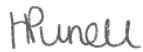
Thank you for the helpful meeting on 21st October which provided the clarity requested on the geography acceptable to government for a proposed Thames Valley Mayoral Strategic Authority. It was also helpful to understand the scale of potential funding which could be available to a Thames Valley MSA and governments ambitions for embedding devolution across the country.

You heard a range of principled views on the best geography for the region when we met. However, as discussed, we also share government's ambitions for devolution and do not want to lose the opportunity to take control of the tools needed to improve outcomes for our residents and business.

Following further local discussions, we are therefore pleased to advise that we wish to proceed on developing the detailed proposal for a Thames Valley Mayoral Strategic Authority on the basis of a geography that includes Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Swindon with Mayoral elections in 2028.

We look forward to working with you and your officials at pace on the next steps of delivering a Thames Valley Mayoral Strategic Authority.

Yours sincerely,
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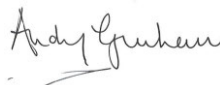
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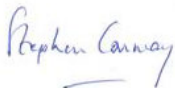
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