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Dear Louise; Keith; and David

Cc: Tim Wates; Geoff French; George Kieffer; Geoff Miles; Graham Peters; and Louise Morgan

I would like to thank you for the Three Southern Counties devolution proposal you submitted, and for the evident time and effort given to complete it by local partners in your area. We look forward to working with you to ensure that your proposal will maximise economic growth as well as introduce appropriate accountability and governance models to reflect any new responsibilities.

I am keen to ensure that we maintain momentum, and would like to arrange an early opportunity for myself or a member of my ministerial team to meet with you to discuss your proposal. I am aware that there is a great deal of shared interest in the proposals submitted from you and from Greater Brighton, and would be keen to get a clearer sense of how the two areas will work together on areas of mutual interest to ensure successful delivery of the deals.

We would like to meet with a team of three to five individuals who will represent your area, including a representative from the relevant LEAs, in the coming weeks.

Your Cities & Local Growth Relationship Manager Philip Carr (philip.carr@bis.gsi.gov.uk) will liaise with you to confirm timings and location.

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