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Dear Catherine

2010-11 GLA Group Budget Guidance

The purpose of this letter is to issue formal guidance to the Greater London Authority and the functional bodies covering the preparation of budget and business plans covering the three-year period 2010-11 to 2012-13.

The overriding aim is to develop budget and business plans that accurately reflect the aims, objectives and priorities set out in the guidance.

You will see from the guidance that the process leading up to the receipt of budget submissions in November is similar to last year. Interim information is required by the end of September, and comprehensive business plans are expected to be available towards the end of November.

Value for money continues to be a key consideration and I firmly believe that the likelihood of tighter future funding settlements highlights the need for this and that plans should be prepared in the event there is a reduction in public expenditure after 2010-11. To assist with that it is essential that my finance officers are kept up to date on financial matters that may have an important bearing on the GLA Group Budget and Council Tax Precept. Accordingly, functional bodies should provide the GLA with:

- a) copies of all budget related reports as soon as these are finalised; this includes expenditure/income proposals that, if approved, would materially change the future year forecasts included in the Mayor's published budget document for 2009-10.
- b) copies of any financial submission, return or other financial information which is to be sent to government departments before it is finalised
- c) copies of negotiated agreements with partner organisations for additional income

The above information is requested in accordance with the provisions of sections 110 and 125 of the GLA Act 1999.

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Following the successful conclusion to my first budget I hope that our officers and advisers will continue to work well together in the development of these new plans and the challenges that this will undoubtedly bring.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Boris Johnson', written in a cursive style.

Boris Johnson
Mayor of London

Copies to: MPA Treasurer
 MPS Commissioner
 MPS Director of Resources
 GLA Executive Director of Resources