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Dear Jane,

Re - Retention of Deloitte to conduct an internal investigation.

The Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) has been asked to assess allegations of crime made by Mr Rosenberg relating to the Earl's Court Regeneration Scheme proposed by the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham (LBHF).

Detective Chief Inspector Sumner and Detective Inspector Holt have had meetings with both Mr Rosenberg and senior members of the LBHF.

In order for the police assessment to be meaningful, considered and structured the MPS has decided to take an incremental approach to this assessment. In line with this approach the council have offered to commission an independent internal investigation of the strategy and tactics used to progress the Earls Court Regeneration Scheme.

In the interests of transparency and proportionality the MPS have agreed on this course of action and will subsequently assess the findings of the independent auditors report.

The LBHF have proposed that Deloitte conduct this task which satisfies the requirements of the MPS. Deloitte will report the findings of their investigation to the Chief Executive and Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Governance. The MPS are aware that their findings will also be reported to the Council's Audit, Pensions and Standards Committee who will have the opportunity to query any aspect of the findings.

Deloitte are the Council's internal auditors, a role which requires independence and objectivity, as per the standards set out by the Chartered Institute of Internal Auditors.

Whilst this work is separate to their internal audit delivery, the MPS understands that they will apply the same principles regarding these two requirements. Deloitte's terms of reference have been formulated by themselves, rather than by the Council.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on the any of the details shown above it I can be of any further assistance.

Yours sincerely

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