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Mayor Marvin Rees
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Dear Mayor Rees,

Thank you for submitting your Full Business Case (FBC) on 15 July 2021 and for the efforts of all of your team for getting to this stage, and within challenging timelines. We are grateful for the work you and your team have undertaken on Bristol City Council's plan to deliver nitrogen dioxide compliance in the shortest possible time.

We are content that you should continue to implement a Class D Clean Air Zone (CAZ) and additional traffic management measures to deliver compliance by 2023 at the latest. We will be issuing a revised legal direction to replace the direction issued on 20 August 2020, to reflect the changes to the compliance measures identified in your plan. As your FBC states, there are still some procurement activities to complete. We expect you to continue to work with JAQU colleagues to finalise these.

We have assessed your Full Business Case and, taking the funding provided to date into account, we will be making a new Implementation Fund allocation of a further £400,000 of funding to cover your resource requirement. This will result in a total resource award of £750,000. The FBC shows that, due to the change in CAZ size, the total amount needed for implementation has reduced. We will be funding £6.1 million of capital for the implementation of the scheme. As this is less than the £11.5 million provided previously, no further capital funding is needed, with additional money left over. We will therefore be re-purposing £3.3 million of capital funding you have already received to the Clean Air Fund (CAF) support that is detailed below. This has been explained to your officials and will be set out in a funding decisions letter.

In implementing the zone, in line with the approach set out in the plan, we do expect you to report on its effectiveness to ensure that it is meeting requirements to achieve compliance in the shortest possible time and, if necessary, consider adjustments to its operation. We will also provide guidance on the associated reporting, monitoring templates and ways of working going forward. We trust that your officials will report any changes to your plan promptly.

Your business case also included a bid for support from the Clean Air Fund. Accounting for the £3.3 million of re-purposed capital funding, we are pleased to

confirm that up to £36.9 million of support will be provided to mitigate the impacts of your measures to deliver compliance. We are content to award £19.4 million with a further up to £17.5 million potentially available in stretch funding upon certain criteria being met. This will be available to fund the following schemes:

- £11.9 million to support the upgrade of HGVs, LGVs, taxis and PHVs via a financial support package with £17.5 million available in stretch funding.
- £5.9 million for the sustainable travel team.
- £2m for a freight consolidation centre.

We will shortly set out the criteria and timescales for claiming the additional £17.5 million for the financial support package, covering evidence of uptake of the scheme, groups in need of support, and how the fund is distributed, particularly to LGVs.

Our officials will shortly be issuing grant letters for both the Implementation and Clean Air Funding. We would like to express our thanks to your team for the development of your plan.

Yours sincerely,



JO CHURCHILL MP



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