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Dear Greg

This letter follows up our discussion on September 13th about possible local carbon budgets and the role of local authorities delivering emissions reductions.

We propose to do a piece of work that would comprise four elements:

- Identification and high level quantification of areas where there is scope for local authorities to contribute to emissions reductions (e.g. emissions from buildings, transport, waste).
- Scope for local authorities to reduce their own emissions.
- Consideration of high level approaches for local authorities to drive emissions reductions.
- Setting out of key steps for local authorities in developing carbon plans.

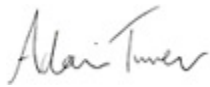
The work would draw on our existing models rather than new analysis, and would not therefore require a consultancy budget.

We would look to free up some resource to carry out the project. However, we are already very stretched, with a number of deliverables due through to next summer. Therefore we would need to leverage our own resource with an additional Assistant Economist or fast streamer, which we would look to you to provide on secondment.

In addition, in order to be able to present case studies of best practice, we would need cooperation with the LGA, which we would look to you to help facilitate.

Subject to you agreeing this scope of work and resourcing, we can proceed in the next few weeks and deliver a report by the end of April next year.

Best wishes



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Chairman, Committee on Climate Change