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Dear Dirk

REVIEW OF COMMUNITY PLANNING AND SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENTS

When Sarah Davidson wrote to Community Planning Partnerships on 26 October 2011, seeking submission of SOA reports for 2010-11, she advised that a review of CPPs and SOAs, to be conducted jointly by Scottish Government and Local Government, would take place.

The review group, which is jointly chaired by Derek Mackay, Minister for Local Government and Planning, and Councillor Pat Watters, COSLA President met for the first time last month. I attach the Terms of Reference for the Group which will aim to identify how community planning can be made more effective and enable new Single Outcome Agreements between the Scottish Government and Community Planning Partnerships to be agreed as quickly as possible after the local elections in May.

You will see that the timescale for the group to report is very challenging but we would welcome the input of Community Planning practitioners to help us answer the key questions of the review. These are as follows:

- What are the prerequisites for effective Community Planning?
- What are the key changes in the operating context for Community Planning?
- How should Community Planning change to support wider public service reform, both short and longer-term?
- How should SOAs change?
- What are the prerequisites for effective performance management which drives improvement in a Community Planning context?
- How should external scrutiny change?

I would be grateful if you could let me and Toria Fraser (Toria.Fraser@scotland.gsi.gov.uk) have your responses to the above questions **by close on Friday 24 February** to allow the review group to consider these responses in advance of its final meeting.

If you have any questions about the review please contact Brian Peddie on 0131 244 7026 or Carrol Herbertson on 0131 244 4956.

Yours sincerely

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PS: I am very sorry I am not available to attend the full partnership meeting next Wednesday as I am on leave (it is school half term and Parliamentary Recess), but I am keeping in touch with Sally.