

To: Chief Executives of all mayoral combined authorities' constituent councils

23 February 2018

Dear Chief Executive,

Combined Authorities – Borrowing Regulations

You will be aware from your combined authority that we would be seeking formal consent of your council to the specification in regulations of those functions of the combined authority in relation to which the combined authority may borrow.

I now enclose a draft of the Combined Authority (Borrowing) Regulations 2018 that we intend to lay before Parliament on 5 March. These Regulations, if approved by Parliament and made, will specify for the mayoral combined authorities referred to in the Regulations, all of their existing functions, except transport functions, as functions for which they can borrow. Transport functions are not specified in these Regulations as combined authorities can already borrow for these functions.

The consent which we are seeking from your council is that it consents to the specification in relation to the combined authority for which it is a constituent council. This is that we are seeking the consents required for the purposes of Part 1 of the Local Government Act 2003.

I understand that your combined authority has been in touch with you about these matters, the consent your council is giving and the timetable for this. I am now seeking confirmation of your authority's consent to the specification set out in the Regulations in relation to your combined authority.

I would be grateful to receive your authority's consent by Tuesday 27 February. If you have any queries, please contact Luke Scofield on 0303 444 2562, or luke.scofield@communities.gsi.gov.uk

Yours Sincerely,

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