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Dear Ms Margo Williamson

Shared Risk Assessment (SRA) - a revised approach

I write to update you on progress with the SRA, following the consultation exercise in October 2018. I would like to thank you for your involvement and contribution towards a revised approach.

As you know, the Strategic Scrutiny Group (SSG) embarked on a fundamental review of the SRA process in 2018. In October 2018 I wrote to all council chief executives seeking feedback on the SRA and on our proposals for change. The responses were most helpful in shaping the revised approach. There was a broad agreement of the need to improve planning and to strengthen discussions through more systematic sharing of information and intelligence. While a range of views were expressed in the feedback, it was clear that in many cases local scrutiny plans are of limited value, particularly where they are not specific about scrutiny activity for the year ahead.

The SSG fully considered the feedback we received from councils along with feedback from other stakeholders and developed a revised approach. In May 2019, SSG members reaffirmed their commitment to the SRA and approved the revised approach to the SRA process.

The new approach aims to improve the shared understanding of scrutiny risks, coordinate scrutiny activity most effectively, maximise opportunities for scrutiny bodies to collaborate and support better engagement between scrutiny bodies and councils.

The revised approach to SRA sees changes in:

- council and LAN engagement
- local scrutiny plans
- national scrutiny planning.

I attach more detail on the agreed new approach, for your information.

We plan to review the effectiveness of the revised approach to SRA during 2020 and welcome your feedback as part of that process. In the meantime, your LAN lead will be in contact shortly.

Yours sincerely



Graham Sharp, Chair of the Accounts Commission and Chair of the Strategic Scrutiny Group

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