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Dear Ms Redfearn,

**Approval of Local Area Agreement on behalf of Secretary of State**

Following the submission of your Local Area Agreement revision proposal, I am writing to confirm that the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government has approved the proposal under section 112 of the Local Government & Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. Please find attached formal notice of approval of your LAA revision proposal. I am also pleased to include a copy of the revised LAA. This is confirmation of the local improvement targets designated by the Secretary of State.

The LAA is the agreement between all those who have an interest in improving services and the quality of life for local people. Formal approval of the revision proposal now signals central government's commitment to the deal whilst also marking the formal end of the refresh process. With this approval the "duty to have regard" to the targets as revised now applies both to your authority and to all partner authorities to whom the particular LAA targets relate. Details on what the duty means in practice is available in the [statutory guidance](#).<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/strongsafeprosporous>

I would like to add my personal thanks for the commitment and support demonstrated by you and your officials throughout the Wigan LSP. The discussions that have taken place on the economic indicators have proved really productive, and I am delighted that we reached a good outcome. I also hope the lighter touch approach to refresh this year proved welcome. I would be grateful if you could pass on my thanks to your team and partners in Wigan.

Finally, looking forward, I'd also like to draw your attention to the [Total Place report](#)<sup>2</sup> published last week alongside the Budget. The Secretary of State is keen to encourage all areas to adopt a Total Place approach and take advantage of the reforms outlined in the report.

Yours sincerely

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Liz Meek

**GO REGIONAL DIRECTOR**

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.communities.gov.uk/localgovernment/efficiencybetter/totalplace/>

## **Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 Approval of Local Area Agreement Revision Proposal**

In exercise of the powers under section 112 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 ("the Act"), I approve the Local Area Agreement revision proposal submitted on 15th March 2010 by Wigan.

The Wigan Local Area Agreement shall have effect subject to the changes set out in the revision proposal from 1st April 2010.

In exercise of the powers under section 109 of that Act, I designate those local improvement targets as indicated in the attached copy of the Wigan Local Area Agreement.

Signed

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Liz Meek

on behalf of the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government

Date: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010