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Date: 23/02/2021

Dear Permanent Secretary

Re. South East Midlands LEP

As the Section 151 Officer for Luton Borough Council, the LEP's Accountable Body, I would like to confirm that myself and my deputies have undertaken all the necessary checks to ensure that the LEP has in place the processes to ensure the proper administration of their financial affairs.

Accordingly, having considered all the relevant information, in my role as the Section 151 Officer, I am of the opinion that the financial affairs of the LEP are being properly administered. The LEP's Local Assurance Framework is compliant with the minimum standards as outlined in the National Local Growth Assurance Framework (2019).

Yours sincerely,



Dev Gopal
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Luton Borough Council