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To Melanie Dawes,

Re. Swindon and Wiltshire LEP

As the Section 151 Officer for Wiltshire Council, SWLEP's Accountable Body, I would like to confirm that myself and my deputies have undertaken all the necessary checks to ensure that the SWLEP has in place the processes to ensure the proper administration of its 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 SWLEP are being properly administered. SWLEP's Local Assurance Framework (Governance Framework) is compliant with the minimum standards as outlined in the National Assurance Framework (2016) and the Best Practice Guidance (2018).

I am also of the opinion that the LEP will be compliant with the new National Local Growth Assurance Framework (2019) by 1 April 2019.

Yours sincerely,



Becky Hellard
Director of Finance and Procurement
Wiltshire Council