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Dear Mr. Hanson

Re: Section 151 approval – Funding for Innovation: Connected Vehicle Data Fund - Digital Inspector application

Having examined this application for grant support of £100,000 for a projected total spend of £310,000 to deliver the project above in partnership with the organisations specified in the application and as the council's appointed section 151 officer, I am satisfied on the following points:

- Any resources awarded from this fund will be expended in a manner compatible with accepted accounting practices and as specified within the fund guidance notes
- The match funding from Blackpool Council specified as £5,000 within this application, can and will be made available to support this proposed project in the event of a successful application
- Responsibility for any cost over-runs or delivery slippage is accepted and if such should occur will be managed within the partner councils' overall capital budgets. It is understood that there will be no facility for DfT funds to be spent beyond 31st March 2019 and the Department will not be liable for any cost overruns or delivery slippage
- The Highways and Traffic Services and Transport Policy teams are in a position to deliver and manage the partnership project proposed from the council's side
- The partnership is in a position to deliver the project within the financial year 2018/19
- A legally compliant procurement pathway to let this work to be delivered within the time envelope specified has been identified. The necessary governance/assurance arrangements to manage the programme are in place.

I have also signed the application form to this effect as required.

May I assure you of my best attention?

Yours sincerely



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