

Permanent Secretary
Accounting Officer
Department for Levelling Up, Housing
and Communities
2 Marsham Street
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Date: 27th January 2022

Dear Permanent Secretary

Re. Midlands Engine Partnership

As the Section 151 Officer for Staffordshire County Council, the MEP's Accountable Body, I would like to confirm that myself and my deputies have undertaken all the necessary checks to ensure that the MEP 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 MEP are being properly administered. The MEP's Local Assurance Framework is compliant with the minimum standards as outlined in the *National Local Growth Assurance Framework (2019)*, as they would apply to a pan regional partnership.

Yours sincerely,



Rob Salmon
County Treasurer and S151 Officer
Staffordshire County Council

