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Ms Melanie Dawes
Department for Communities and Local
Government

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Dear Ms Dawes

I refer to the requirement within the Local Enterprise Partnership Assurance Framework for a declaration from the Section 151 Officer of the Accountable Body offering certain assurances in connection with the Local Assurance Framework .

I am able to confirm, after close collaborative working between the LEP and Accountable Body, the local assurance framework has been agreed by the Coast to Capital Board as of 27 February 2017 and meets the revised standards set out in the Local Enterprise Partnership Assurance Framework. While newly adopted, Coast to Capital LEP has been working to the new local assurance framework in a 'shadow form' since 1 January 2017, Accountable Body Officers have attended these 'shadow' meetings and we are confident Coast to Capital have been adhering to the shadow form and will adhere to the new assurance framework from hereon.

A copy of this letter is being sent to Jonathan Sharrock (Coast to Capital Chief Executive) as well as Tom Walker, Murryam Anwar, Lusine Manukyan and Cath Goodall, as requested by Cath.

Yours sincerely

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