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## **OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE**

All,

Circulating a note of the 3pm meeting with Greater Manchester leaders. Also here.

## Headlines:

- SoS MHCLG summed up by stating there seems to be a lot of common ground, but not on financial support measures.
- GM leaders keen to discuss whether local grant funding could be given to GM to top up wages which could be described as a 'hardship fund' without specific reference to JSS. SoS MHCLG re-affirmed that a 'hardship fund' is not an option tabled by HMG. Willing to discuss providing additional business support.
- Broad agreement on other topics including comprehensive cooperation on Test, Trace and Isolate; redoubling efforts on compliance and enforcement.

## Note:

Robert Jenrick:

- Thank you everyone for engaging in constructive discussions.
- Conversations do now need to reach a conclusion in Greater Manchester, for sake of public health.
- If we can agree to a package of restrictions then we will achieve more than if we cannot.
- Feels like there is a high degree of common ground, including on
  - Support the most vulnerable and comms to the CEV
  - Test and trace supported by the funding made available through the £8/head
  - For renewed working on compliance and enforcement
  - Commitment on our part to see if there are further powers that could be provided to you to support action to counter non-compliance.
- To have a clear strategy around exit strategy, we will work with you to design a set of measures that could trigger drop down from tier 3 to tier 2
- We can discuss whether pubs and bars could stay open if serving main meals. But closing 'wet only' pubs and bars.
- Closing betting shops and adult entertainment settings in scope.
- We recognise pressure on local authorities. We will ensure suitable funding provided to councils.