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Frank

Let me know if you want to agree Reg's suggestion for Neil to replace me on the. oBR meetings. There is one tomorrow afternoon which I am happy to pick up or not and leave it with Neil?

Neil we have a meeting in the morning and can discuss

David

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David,

This material needs to be shared internally and rapidly. The DGs need to be aware and so does the Perm both for information and to underline the potential seriousness of the issue. Also, the comms plan is critical and our central comms team need to understand and prepare for what the UK Government is doing and planning to do.

One key lesson from the last two years of dealing with Brexit is that without a free flow of information to trusted individuals within Welsh Government, we will always find ourselves unable to match the UK government in our preparedness; or to have a reasonable and informed discussion about what our next steps should be. And of course, we will put our Ministers in a weak - or negligible - negotiating position if we are unable to brief quickly and comprehensively.

I am therefore copying this material more widely to those who need to know.

On a more general point, for ECC(H) and ECC(W) to work properly together, we need absolute transparency of information, defined routes of communication and clear responsibilities for those who dial into each of the Whitehall groups with which we engage. Having considered these issues I suggest that Gary and Neil should be the sole representatives for the Welsh Government on COBR(O) meetings from next week in order to provide the necessary collaborative continuity.

Reg Kilpatrick

Director for Local Government

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