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Subject: Re: Thank you

James

I second this. The voice of the evidence is loud in the document and this depended on a huge collective effort across the analytical community to reach a consensus position. But I think that you have had one of the hardest jobs, as an often lonely voice. Your challenge - always courteous and constructive - has undoubtedly made the final product better. I'm hugely grateful to the HMT team and to you for your leadership role. Having HMT fully on board has been a game-changer. I look forward to building on that in the coming months.

Rob

On Mon, 22 Feb 2021 at 19:16, Ben Cropper <ben.cropper@cabinetoffice.gov.uk> wrote:

Thanks James - same to you and the HMT team. I know you've been spinning several Plates at the same time and have been managing some important positions. I thought that the engagement we managed across the whole Whitehall team of analysts was a real feat and you can really see the benefits in the final policy and probably products.

Now onwards with modelling for Easter...!

Ben.

On Mon, 22 Feb 2021 at 17:30, Benford, James - HMT <James.Benford@hmtreasury.gov.uk> wrote:

Hi both

Hope all is well and you are getting something of a rest this week. Just wanted to say congrats for getting the Roadmap out today and for doing such a great job holding the ring on the analytical side. No small feat to find a consensus amongst a group of analysts coming at things from quite different perspectives; the document was definitely stronger for it. Some of discussions were robust at times, but you were always found a way through that was both pragmatic and evidence-based.

Thank you

James

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