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Dear Ms Loudon

At the meeting of Aberdeen City Council's Strategic Commissioning Committee on 12 November, the Committee considered the Council Delivery Plan 2019/20 Annual Report which built on the summary of progress captured in the Council Delivery Plan 2020/21, which had previously been presented to full Council on 3 March 2020.

The Committee noted the report and welcomed the significant achievements and progress highlighted throughout the annual report, however agreed that the Co-Leaders of the Council write to COSLA requesting an update on progress made with the Scottish Government regarding the reform of local government finance, including business rates and the replacement of Council Tax, and further agreed that any reply should be discussed at the next meeting of the Strategic Commissioning Committee to be held on 11 February 2021.

Future delivery against the Plan has the potential to be affected by any financial shortfall, and clearly the impact of COVID-19 has both immediate and long-term implications for Local Government's ability to continue to deliver essential services.

We would, therefore, be grateful if you could provide us with an update on any discussions to enable further consideration of the matter at the next meeting of the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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Co-Leader, Aberdeen City Council

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