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Chair

London Assembly Economy Committee

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Dear Leonie,

I would like to thank the Economy Committee for their investigation and their work to identify recommendations targeted at making a difference to the lives of Londoners. I appreciate your patience while awaiting a reply. I hope you will understand that we have been working under considerable pressure over recent months and it has not been possible to respond as quickly as we would have liked.

I share the Committee's commitment to ensuring that London's economy delivers for all Londoners, and that none of our communities are left behind. Combatting low pay and in-work poverty is fundamental to this.

We are experiencing an unprecedented crisis that has temporarily changed our way of life and is changing the future course of the capital's services, employers and households. It is right that we take stock of our current activities and rapidly respond to the challenges we face.

With this in mind, I have provided in the attached annex an initial response to the Assembly's report. However, work is ongoing to assess the evidence and data on low pay and in-work poverty in the context of coronavirus. I look forward to updating the Committee further in due course.

Yours sincerely,

**Sadiq Khan**

Mayor of London

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