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Dear Mr Boff,

Thank you for your letter about the motion agreed by the London Assembly on 10 September 2026 concerning the cooperation of local authorities with Immigration Enforcement. I am responding as the Director for Enforcement, Compliance and Crime and would like to thank you for your support of our important work.

Immigration Enforcement operations are intelligence-led and conducted in accordance with the law. Effective cooperation and proportionate information sharing with local authorities can support action against organised immigration crime, human trafficking, labour exploitation and other forms of harm, while helping to safeguard vulnerable people. Any sharing of personal information must have a lawful basis and comply with applicable data-protection requirements.

We therefore remain committed to constructive relationships with London boroughs, and we have seen the benefits of how joint working can help identify and address concerns relating to licensing, environmental health, workplace safety and exploitation. Where a council changes its approach to cooperation, we will assess any operational implications on a case-by-case basis and continue to engage through established channels, respecting the respective statutory responsibilities of central and local government.

We would encourage all local authorities to continue engaging with the Home Office so that lawful, proportionate information sharing and practical cooperation can support public protection, enforcement of the immigration laws and the prevention of exploitation.

I hope this response is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Montgomery', written over a light blue rectangular background.

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