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Dear John

Greater London Authority Group transparency

I am writing in response to your letter of 1 July about Greater London Authority Group transparency in which you asked for a response by 1 October.

I welcome your report on GLA Group transparency. This is an important part of my agenda and I will continue to emphasise to the GLA Group the importance of prioritising transparency. My Chief of Staff, Sir Edward Lister, has made clear to you that, while we have made good progress in this area since I was first elected and indeed in some areas have led the way for local government, there is still more to do.

I append my detailed response to your recommendations. You will see that, given the particular issues Assembly Members have raised, the Transport for London response is shown separately from the general response.

I trust you agree that, as transparency arrangements become more and more refined over the coming years, we will need to be vigilant to ensure that any future developments represent good value for money for taxpayers and do not impose any unnecessary burdens on public bodies.

Yours ever,



Boris Johnson
Mayor of London

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