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Dear LRF Chairs,

Firstly, thank you all for your ongoing work and engagement in the preparation of a no-deal EU exit scenario. The Government's top priority remains delivering a deal, however, it is essential that the Government and key partners continue to prepare for every eventuality. The work you continue to do is central to this.

Recognising the unique challenges associated with this planning the Secretary of State has today announced a range of support to local partners across the country. This included £1.75m of support for Local Resilience Forums.

Rather than administering this as a fund, which would add to your existing work and potentially delay the allocation of funding we will instead provide £38,043.48 of funding to each LRF. Eight LRFs (Greater London, Greater Manchester, Hampshire and IoW, Humberside, Kent, Leicestershire, Suffolk and Sussex) will receive an additional £38,043.47, bringing the total funding for these LRFs to £76,086.95.

The funding should be used to directly support EU Exit planning and our expectation is that most LRFs will use this funding to support additional staffing costs. Our aim is to pay this funding in the week commencing Monday 4th February via a Section 31 grant to one of your constituent local authorities, who will be responsible for ensuring the funding is provided to the LRF. To facilitate this, we ask that you nominate one local authority by the end of Wednesday 30th January and email this to REDEUTeam@communities.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully,

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