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Dear Administering Authorities,

I am writing following [the Secretary of State's statement](#) on 7th September announcing a review of plans for Local Government Reorganisation. Government are asking councils to pause work on implementing their decision. Areas can continue with cross-cutting activity. MHCLG officials are in touch with all impacted areas about what this means for them.

Given this pause, the timings set out in [the guidance](#) for Funds considering changes to their Administering Authority published on 30th July will no longer apply. Any change to the Administering Authority should also be considered on hold.

When the review has concluded and a new timeline for Local Government Reorganisation has been published, we will provide updated guidance.

We recognise that this may create uncertainty for Funds. We recognise the need for clarity; extended delay is in no-one's interest. The Department will set out decisions as soon as possible.

The Government remains committed to devolution, and we encourage Funds to continue reviewing their governance and structures to support effective oversight and efficient administration over the longer term. This includes Single Purpose Pension Authorities. Whilst under current legislation these can only be established as a part of Local Government Reorganisation, officials remain available to support discussions and understand any developing proposals.

As always, if there are any specific concerns or questions, please do contact the team at LGPensions@communities.gov.uk.

Best wishes,

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