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[By email]

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Dear Sir Geoffrey,

Local authority administered COVID support schemes in England

I am writing to update you on the progress that His Majesty's Treasury has made in capturing the lessons learnt from supporting businesses during the Covid-19 pandemic through a meta-evaluation.

The PAC in July 2023 published this [report](#) on *"Local authority administered COVID support schemes in England"*. This included several recommendations including *"HM Treasury should write to the Committee with its plans to capture and distil lessons from the experience of supporting businesses through the pandemic within three months"*. To deliver this we are undertaking a meta-evaluation of evaluations and analysis on the various schemes already conducted.

We have now signed a contract with an external supplier to conduct the meta-evaluation of various business support schemes. The supplier is currently undertaking this work, and we anticipate concluding the exercise and publishing the results in the second quarter of 2025. At that point, I will be pleased to provide you with a further update.

Thank you for your continued interest in this important work.

James Bowler
Permanent Secretary