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Dear Martin,

Emergency services collaboration in Gloucestershire.

Thank you for the submission of your proposal to take on fire governance in Gloucestershire. I recognise the work that you have put into developing, engaging and consulting on this business case. However, due to significant parliamentary and policy pressures, it is now not possible for the Department to assess fire governance proposals ahead of the May 2020 PCC elections.

I am very aware that this decision will be keenly felt by you and your team in Gloucestershire, given your recent work to develop and submit a proposal. I appreciate all the hard work that has gone into this and the steps you have taken to engage with your community and local stakeholders on your business case.

I was encouraged to see that you established a Collaboration Board in 2017 to identify a range of collaboration ventures, such as the co-location of the control room and joint training opportunities. I would now like to see local stakeholders come together to explore further, these collaboration arrangements between police and fire services in Gloucestershire.

We remain fully committed to emergency services collaboration and to the policy of enabling PCCs to take on fire governance. We look forward to considering the proposal and any updates to it after the May 2020 PCC elections.

I am grateful for your ongoing engagement on this agenda and I look forward to hearing more from you and the Fire and Rescue Authority about the progress you are making together. My officials would be happy to discuss this further and will make contact with your office shortly.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nick Hurd". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly informal style.

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