



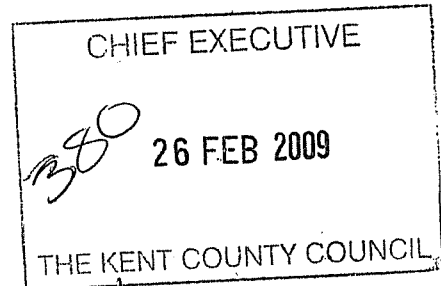
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Dear *Pete*

Thank you for your letter of 11 December 2008 enclosing your article on Child Protection which you wrote for the Municipal Journal. I apologise for the delay in responding to your letter but I am sure you will appreciate that the Department has received a great deal of correspondence about Baby P and related child protection matters in recent weeks.

I was very interested to read your article and felt that it provided some useful insights. As you will be aware, I have asked Lord Laming to prepare an urgent report by the end of this month of progress being made across the country into child protection. I have ensured that your article is forwarded to Lord Laming so that it can be considered as part of his report.

Yours sincerely

I got to speak yesterday

ED BALLS MP



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