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Dear Ms McRae

Ms Merran McRae

We understand that you have had notice from the Audit Commission confirming that Ernst & Young LLP will be appointed as your next external auditors from 1st April 2015. We are delighted to be appointed and we are looking forward to working with you over the many years ahead in what will undoubtedly be remembered as a period of significant change for the public sector on so many fronts.

You will appreciate that the appointment process has been carefully orchestrated to ensure that all parties have had a chance to be consulted, but this has meant we have not been able to spend any time with you on a one to one basis. We would like to meet with you as soon as is practicable, and more importantly give you the opportunity to meet with us. With that in mind, we are delighted to inform you that Hassan Rohimun will be appointed as your Engagement Lead and will contact you in due course to arrange a meeting.

Given the complexities of diaries, and of course the fact that you still have the 2014/15 audit to complete, we recognise that a mutually nownediting a gay plater in the verage.

In addition we are planning a series of events in a selection of our offices, to give you a chance to meet our wider EY team and hear about us, our enthusiasm for our work in the sector, and our strong desire to make a difference to you. We will send details of these meetings directly to your Director of Finance, but would be delighted if you were also able to attend.

Over the coming months, in line with professional standards, we will work with your current auditors to ensure an appropriate handover takes place.

You may consider changing auditors as unnecessary change, or you may think it is overdue. We hope you will come to think that the combination of the experienced staff within EY and the new approach and insights we will bring will underpin a productive relationship in the years to come. We look forward to meeting with you.

From us both.

Yours sincerely,

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