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CDWG Member

Further to our discussions on Tuesday, the team has updated the timeline to reflect a revised approach that we believe will best support progress at this stage.

As you are aware, we now need to produce versions that can be approved by all Ministers. To help achieve this, we have considered the advice and comments shared by members during Tuesday's meeting.

With this in mind, we are going to create a narrative version that doesn't publicly hold ministers to account around a series of actions that have not yet been agreed.

As a result, the narrative you receive (by the end of next week, all being well) will include placeholder text, alongside a series of high-level actions. These will be accompanied by a note confirming that the fully agreed and approved actions will be inserted before going to the Executive.

Early next week, we will also provide each department with background text on strategy, which can be incorporated into departmental submissions.

We have set out that submissions should be with your Ministers by **18 February**, allowing a three-week period for consideration and approval, with responses expected by **11 March**.

Any queries, please contact the LST team...

Regards

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