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Cllr. Ted Kemble
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Dear Councillor Kemble,

Thank you for your letter to Mr Clarke requesting more information about our policy with regard to Regional Development Agencies.

As you know, in order to promote local accountability and ensure that decisions are taken at the lowest level possible we have decided to transfer the regional planning tier, including the roles of the new Regional Leaders Boards the Regional Development Agencies, to elected local governments.

In terms of economic development we are looking at each of the functions of the RDAs and assessing their effectiveness, efficiency and quality of delivery. We are carefully considering alternative ways of delivering these functions, and are consulting with local government, business leaders and other stakeholders before ahead of announcing our more detailed policy decisions.

Thank you again for getting in touch.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathryn Laing".

Kathryn Laing
Assistant Private Secretary

