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Dear Patrick,

We are writing to confirm our previous support for the devolution of more suburban rail services to the Mayor and Transport for London (TfL), as proposed in January 2016.

We welcome the proposal to form an overarching partnership between TfL and the Department for Transport within which that devolution would take place and would like to be represented on it. It is critical that our rail network changes, to allow our growing city to thrive and to meet passengers' reasonable expectations for high quality rail services.

We believe that TfL will bring closer integration, better quality and greater value for money if it becomes the contracting authority for suburban rail services in London. The transformation of London Overground services demonstrates the value in the proposed aims for the partnership.

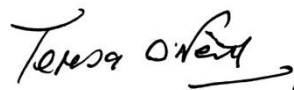
We are very keen to see your announcement followed up with a tangible implementation process that avoids delay. We are aware that key decisions around the refranchising of important services are imminent, starting with those in southeast London. We call on you to demonstrate clear political direction on this issue so that the opportunity is not missed.

We are looking forward to hear about the next steps for implementing your proposals, which we agree have great potential to improve Londoners' quality of life.

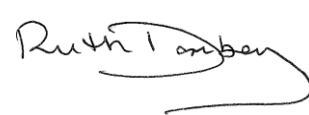
Yours faithfully,



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Chair of London Councils TEC
Leader of Ealing



Cllr Teresa O'Neill OBE
Leader of Bexley



Cllr Ruth Dombey
Leader of Sutton

cc. Claire Perry MP
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