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Dear (Mrs Oliver, Mr Barnes and Mr Butler)

Thank you very much for forwarding me the statement of intent you have developed to support your work as the Recovery Partnership.

I recognise that this is a responsibility you have taken on in addition to your respective role(s) as chair of (...). I see the role of the Recovery Partnership as one of the core strands in helping us understand the impact our work is having and I am grateful to you for your commitment to this.

I welcome your statement of intent and am happy to endorse your proposals to establish the group and its work on behalf of the Inter-Ministerial Group on Drugs. I welcome the fact you will be putting the statement and other core documentation which shapes the governance of the partnership into the public domain. I would be content for you to refer to my endorsement of your work when you do so.

The remit of your work is yours to develop but I wonder if I may offer two thoughts for your consideration. These are:

- i) the partnership is certainly a voice to government but perhaps should also be a voice to the sector too – this is not about carrying government messages but about **providing challenge to the sector on its messaging and performance on the recovery agenda** to support the achievement of better outcomes; and
- ii) you may want to consider putting in a **more explicit link to recovery champions** – another key part of the recovery landscape which you would be a good position to engage with and provide feedback on.

My understanding is that you will be developing further follow-on documentation in which it may be possible to pick up these and any other

residual points should you wish to.

I would also like to thank you for the paper on housing that you developed for the inter-ministerial group of 19th July. I and colleagues found the paper very helpful in setting a frontline perspective on this particular issue and I have asked colleagues in the department of Communities and Local Government meet you over the summer to discuss your concerns.

I understand you will be developing complementary papers for September and October on the payment by results pilots and issues around getting substances misusers into work respectively. I recognise the process by which you produce these papers is still in development but I wonder if I might put a suggestion forward for your consideration. It would be really helpful to me and my inter-ministerial group colleagues if you were able to suggest some credible and achievable courses of action, whether it be for local areas or central government or others to take forward, that would make a positive difference as well as setting out the issues.

I understand also that you will be attending the inter-ministerial group in November and I look forward to welcoming you as a partnership there.

Signed by

Baroness Browning