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Dear Dean

Independent Review of the Role of Incineration in Scotland's Waste Hierarchy

As you will be aware, in November 2021 I invited Dr Colin Church to chair an independent review of the role of incineration in Scotland's waste hierarchy.

Dr Church has previously set out his intention to submit his report to me by Easter. Therefore, I expect to receive his Report in coming days.

I am aware of the significant interest in the Review and its findings and am committed to making the Review Report available publically as soon as possible.

However, I am also aware that submission of the Report will coincide with the commencement of the local election period.

Having carefully considered the issue, I have reached the view that it would be appropriate to defer publication of Dr Church's Report until after the local government elections, given the potential for the Report's findings and recommendations to raise issues that could be of particular local interest.

I remain committed to ensuring that the Report is available as soon as possible and will keep you advised.

Kind regards

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