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Dear Emma, Adrian, Paul and Mel

I am writing to inform you that the East Midlands Combined County Authority Regulations 2024 has now been made. As described in the legislation these Regulations will come into force the day after the day on which the Regulations are made; therefore, the new Mayoral Combined County Authority will be established with most of its provisions coming into force on 28 February 2024. The remaining provisions will come into force with the election of a mayor of the East Midlands.

I thank you and your team for the considerable hard work that has allowed us to reach this point. The establishment of the East Midlands Combined County Authority is a major milestone as it sees the establishment of the first mayoral combined county authority. It will also conclude a process begun in 2022, with the Levelling Up the United Kingdom White Paper, delivering devolution for the people of the East Midlands and opening the way to considerable funding and investment for the area.

Officials from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities will continue to provide support over the coming months as the combined county authority is being set up.

If you have any questions regarding next steps, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Yours sincerely,

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