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**Audit Commission Inspection**  
**South Kesteven Strategic Housing Services**

I have recently received a copy of the Audit Commission's Report of the inspection of South Kesteven District Council's Strategic Housing Services.

It is very disappointing for me to note that the Housing Inspectorate has awarded the service a rating of poor with uncertain prospects for improvement. However, the Inspectorate found evidence that at corporate level there is a strong commitment among senior management to drive through improvements to the housing service and GO East Midlands have found that the new management is getting to grips with the difficult issues required. I hope that South Kesteven will continue to work with the Audit Commission and GO East Midlands to ensure planned improvements are followed through to full implementation.

I will continue to monitor South Kesteven's performance and look forward to receiving positive reports of the Council's progress. Should I come to the view that the authority is not making sufficient progress towards compliance with the best value duties contained in Part 1 of the Local Government Act 1999 then I shall need to re-consider my position.

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