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Dear Chief Executive

Damp, mould and condensation in Hackney

You will be more than aware of the tragic case of Awaab Ishak, who died aged two years old, directly from mould in his own family home in Rochdale. I am sure you will agree with me that this is a shocking issue and one that we collectively cannot allow to be repeated.

As the Mayor of Hackney, I want to reassure every single resident, be they tenants of the Council - where I have been co-leading a proactive review of how we respond - a housing association, in temporary accommodation or the private rented sector, that tackling damp and mould is something that we all take extremely seriously.

Hackney Council has adopted an action plan to tackle damp and mould and is committed to redoubling its efforts to combat the issue. I know that you are also undertaking extensive action to address the issue in the homes you manage as well.

To enable us to reassure residents that we are united in tackling this issue please can you, as a matter of urgency, share your plans with us so that we can ensure a coordinated approach to the issue. This is especially important as casework from



residents often comes to my councillor colleagues, Hackney's Members of Parliament and of course myself.

It goes without saying that we greatly appreciate the work of the social housing registered providers operating in the borough as you pay a key part in supporting some of the most vulnerable members of our community - managing half of the borough's social housing.

By us working together on this issue I am sure we can help further improve the conditions our tenants live in and enhance their quality of life. I know that the Housing Strategy team here at the Council has already written directly to you, as the Chief Executive, as well as to key contacts in your organisation. We are keen to progress this conversation into joined up delivery, working together so that we can benefit all our residents in Hackney.

Please send your plans and responses to James Goddard, Interim Director Regeneration (james.goddard@hackney.gov.uk) and he and his team are more than happy to work in partnership with you.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Philip Glanville". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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