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Dear Graham

**Re: MRP option appraisal process**

It is my pleasure to confirm that the Institute considers the public and staff appraisal process completed.

In our view the exercise involved a good representative profile of participants based upon the categories you had agreed with your stakeholders, which has allowed us to provide you with an objective evaluation of the responses together with the scores. Please remember that the scores are not the final outcome – they are simply the scores from the first part of the exercise.

Based upon our understanding of the SCIM, we suggest that you should now move to complete the site selection appraisal to assist with determining the final outcome. This should include:

1. Completion of the economic appraisal using the benefit points from the scoring exercise and the Net Present Cost for each site option
2. Completion of a separate risk appraisal for each site option

Further to our report of 22nd August 2020, the risk appraisal should include the themes identified within. These are:

- Impact of Contamination
- Impact of Cross-boundary Flow
- Transport Infrastructure

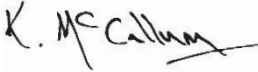
As discussed, based on our understanding of the SCIM, the risk appraisal is best undertaken by your technical advisors and should be completed prior to issue of the outcome of the weighting and scoring exercise to avoid any conflict of interest. I note that the risk appraisal has now been completed and is currently being reviewed by us and we will report separately once this is complete.

In addition you have also agreed to assess a concern regarding the impact of travel times and cost for those least able to afford it through the Fairer Scotland Duty process.

Consideration of all of these aspects along with the outcome from your proposed public feedback exercises will provide a transparent and robust approach which will underpin your decision making process.

As SCIM is Scottish specific guidance we would advise sense checking this process with Health Facilities Scotland.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. McCallum', written over a light grey rectangular background.

Keith McCallum  
Head of Finance and Corporate Services