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Dear Mayor Khan,

As Brent's statutory chief finance officer I have written this letter formally to confirm the significant financial commitments that the Council has made in support of our bid to become the London Borough of Culture 2020.

The rest of our bid documentation, and in particular the letters from the Council's Leader and Chief Executive set out in detail the scope, ambition and creativity that make up our bid. I know that deliverability is also a key issue for you in evaluating bids so I am pleased to confirm the financial commitments referred to in the bid. These are real commitments, not speculative, and already fully allocated in the Council's financial planning.

Brent's commitment of 30% match funding (£330,000) was approved by our Cabinet in November 2017. Furthermore, our development partner, Quintain has also confirmed £200,000 to support projects as outlined in our bid. In addition we will commit to allocate other funding received for the project. Our programme is fully costed and supported by a detailed budget outline as part of our bid submission. The budget has been prepared in consultation with Arts Trust Production and SSE Arena supported by Create Associates.

I trust this confirms the formal budgetary arrangements in place to support the commitments made in the bid documentation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Conrad Hall".

Conrad Hall
Chief Financial Officer