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Apologies – email cross-over with [REDACTED] there.

He is correct we did not look at within pilot movement, and I think it would be difficult to do so with the data you have with any real degree of robustness (just because of the amount of random month by month variation that already exists),

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Dear [REDACTED]

I think that you are correct, and we did not make any attempt to look at the upward or downward movement of the KPIs during the 15 months of the trial, either by a simple visual inspection of the graph or by performing a regression analysis.

Are you suggesting that it would be useful to add such an analysis to the report?

Best wishes

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Hi [REDACTED]

I have a question! I'm trying to interpret the draft analysis for my draft report and I have drafted the following statement:

Of those areas which saw poorer performance during the trial period than the longer term average, 3 measures (council tax, business rates and housing rent collected) are affected nationwide by the economic climate and impacts of cost of living. It is important to note that during the trial period both business rates and council tax performance improved (the percentage of collected did increase) – but compared to the long term average the rates were lower.

I think this is accurate, but it did make me ponder the wording in the introduction of your draft report (Summary of regression results section) For the analysis not adjusting for the impact of the COVID-19 period, the following outcome measures were found to be significantly different during the pilot period compared to before the pilot period: where you refer to 'Outcomes that worsened during the pilot period' and list the measures:

- o FS102: % of housing rent collected
- o FS104: % of business rates collected
- o FS105: % of council tax collected
- o AH211: Average days to re-let all housing stock

And my understanding is that for any of the measures (better, same or 'worse') it's the performance during the pilot relative to previous years, and so it's entirely possible that the "better" measures actually did worse *during the progression of the 15 months*, as shown by the time series, and that some that did 'worse' *actually improved* over the course of the pilot.

So my first question is, do you think my statement is factually correct?

And second question is, in your final analysis are you looking at interpreting the results as currently in the draft (ie commenting on the regression analysis but not the time series) or are you combining the interpretation as I am starting to?

Sorry this comes late in the process, I'm picking this up as I'm trying to explain it to others!

Many thanks

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