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Succession/Mgmt

- SM SoS knows problems with internal succession and that mgmt team isnt as strong as could be so will likely raise this as challenge to fix
- HS noted also risks of bringing in new appts/firing people given precarious situ. But agree need to strengthen as does NR.
- HS/NR discussing in coming weeks w/HR director plans to strengthen where they can [REDACTED]
- SM acknowledged combo of relatively restrained pay plus challenging role
- HS non exec strength also isnt good, often better people don't stick around

SM ran through what we our doing our side to think about policy options and £. Noted 3 difficulties on £:

1. We don't have it (will need to come from elsewhere)
2. In order to give any money it will need to be approved by HMT - who wont allow us to give until we have long term plan, but the timing doesn't work - so trying to do something to bridge
3. Subsidy control - without an excuse we cant just lift cash over the wall - have to be subsidy compliant (but should be fixable and is our problem to fix)

SM We might end up doing something small to buy space to collectively to get to the longer term.

SM/HS discussed political dynamics of policy options - eg difficulties in reducing networks.

HS mentioned targets ref in inquiry hearing - wasn't looking for apology but wider point around being synced up and acknowledging where each others roles lie. Was keen him and Sarah strategically aligned where poss

SM also keen to be aligned as far as poss, though reflected that level of trust in POL board/mgmt isnt that high and that funding will come with conditions/scrutiny (how hmt work) but agree with everyone playing in correct lane

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