



10 DOWNING STREET

PRIME MINISTER

Here is another letter from Horace Cutler about ILEA.

Lady Young's Group have now reported to H Committee. The Committee have decided in favour of maintaining a single authority, but have asked Lady Young's Group to do some more work on possible new mechanisms for a single authority. It is not yet clear whether H Committee will refer the matter to Cabinet for final decision.

Would you like me to remind Lady Young to keep Sir Horace in the picture as far as possible? I attach a draft reply.

*Yes please re
Done by phone. na MJD*

20 November 1980

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Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,
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R20/11

Dear Margaret,

ILEA

Last week HM Inspectors' report castigated ILEA for its failures in secondary education. The response from the Government, insofar as I have been able to discern one, has been minimal.

If ever there was ammunition from an impeccable source this was it, yet it has been allowed to go by. Janet Young's Committee, by all accounts, is still nowhere near announcing a conclusion.

Please do not think that I am carping about this but I am disappointed that so rare an opportunity should be missed. Some of our colleagues still do not seem to realise that we are fighting an all-important election in a few months time and that, if ever we needed co-operation and co-ordination, the time is now.

*Yours ever
Horace.*