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Ken Kenneth :

ABOLITION: VOLUNTARY BODIES A TRUST FOR LONDON

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I am responding to your letter of 19 March to the Secretary of State for the Environment suggesting that a Trust be endowed with some of the proceeds of the GLC's assets to make grants to voluntary organisations in London.

I am sure that this proposal will contribute towards reducing the genuine fears of the voluntary sector that worthwhile voluntary activity will be seriously damaged by the elimination of the GLC's grant making. It should be possible to ensure by the selection of an existing suitable Trust or, failing that, of trustees for a new Trust and by setting the terms of reference that the excesses of the present GLC grant giving are not repeated. And using a non statutory Trust mechanism will be a further demonstration of our belief in the capacity of the voluntary sector to play an increasing part in dealing with social issues.

I am copying this to members of MISC 95.

as ever,
John

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