

Review Team

14th February 2019

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Dear Leader and Chief Executive,

Independent Review of Rotherham Council, February 2019

We write to provide you with the Report of Review Team on the Independent Review of Rotherham Council undertaken in February 2019.

We would like to thank you both and the Council for the excellent organisation of the review programme and the support we received whilst on site and especially from Vicky Hartley. Our visit proceeded very smoothly and was very helpful in allowing us to cover so much ground in a short time.

We are very grateful to everyone who participated, council members, council staff and partners and for giving generously of their time to assist our work. We were impressed by the open and thoughtful contributions that they made.

We were able to provide you with immediate feedback on the last day of our visit and this report now provides our full findings. We attach in a confidential appendix our comments on the representations made to the Secretary of State. We believe that our report will meet the requirements set by the Secretary of State for the independent Review, however should you require any further comment please do ask.

As the former Commissioner Team in Rotherham we were very pleased to be asked to return and undertake this piece of work. We were impressed and delighted with the progress that has been made since our departure and would like to acknowledge the personal contribution that you have each made. Your growth in stature in your respective leadership roles have been key to the improvement journey across the council and in partnership working. You should be proud of what you have achieved and we wish you and Rotherham well for the future.

Yours sincerely



Dame Mary Ney DBE



Cllr Tricia Bradwell OBE



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