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Dear Ms Ghosh,

Re: Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council – proposed further directions

I write as Leader of the Council further to the letter sent by Alex Powell on 9th February to welcome the proposed return of further decision making to elected members.

This latest proposal reflects the progress made by both members and officers of the council since the start of the intervention in 2015, as documented in regular Commissioner reports. We remain committed to working closely alongside our Commissioners in order to ensure the further necessary improvements, and to evidence progress in the areas not yet considered ready for return.

I understand that our Chief Executive is also writing to formally request consideration of the return of powers to make appointments to outside bodies. This follows a recent recommendation from our members' Constitution Review Working Group and I should be happy to discuss this further with you if that would be helpful.

Yours sincerely



Councillor Chris Read
Leader of Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

cc Alex Powell, Deputy Director – Intervention and Audit