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**Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council: Proposed Intervention**

Thank you for your letter of 5 February and for our telephone conversations last week.

I fully understand the need for moving quickly on any appointment of Commissioners, given the pace of events taking place in Rotherham.

You asked, in your letter to Paul Rowsell of 4 February, whether or not the current process to appoint a permanent Chief Executive should be put on hold. As we discussed on the phone, I think this would be a sensible course of action.

Paul Rowsell will be writing to you shortly in more detail on the points which you have raised, and Paul will be your main point of contact in the department for the work going forward.

Can I thank you for the work you are doing to help the Council through these very difficult times.

Yours sincerely,

**SIR BOB KERSLAKE**