



Department for
Communities and
Local Government

Sir Ken Knight

17 December 2014

Dear Sir Ken,

COUNCIL OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS: INTERVENTION

I am writing to let you know that the Secretary of State has nominated you as a Commissioner for the purposes of the Directions he has made today under section 15 (5) and (6) of the Local Government Act 1999 in relation to the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. I enclose the formal nomination document.

You will see that you are nominated as Commissioner for the period from 17 December 2014 to 31 March 2017. The Secretary of State intends to nominate three Commissioners, and would like you to act as Lead Commissioner. He has also nominated today Max Caller as Commissioner, and intends, in consultation with you, to nominate a third Commissioner in due course.

As Commissioners you will have the roles and responsibilities set out in the Directions, a copy of which I enclose, along with a copy of an explanatory memorandum. You will act jointly or severally and are accountable to the Secretary of State in that you have been nominated by him and can have your nomination withdrawn by him; you will report to him on the progress of the intervention.

As Lead Commissioner you will be entitled to a fee for each day you act as Commissioner. You will also be entitled to reasonable expenses. Under the terms of the Directions, it is the Council's responsibility to meet these costs, and the Secretary of State will shortly be inviting the Council to make any representations they wish on the level of fees which the Secretary of State is proposing. These proposals are that your fee will be £600 per day up to a maximum of 50 days per annum for the first year, and 30 days per annum thereafter, without prior approval of the Secretary of State. As to reasonable expenses, we would expect these to be in accordance with the rules for senior officers set out in the Council's staff handbook. Subject to any representations the Council makes, the

Secretary of State will then determine your fees, and we will put in place the appropriate practical arrangements to ensure their payment, along with the payment of any reasonable expenses that you incur.

Should you have any queries or issues either now or during the Direction period please contact my office to discuss with me.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for assisting in this intervention. We are very grateful for your commitment to taking up this challenge to improve the performance of the Council so that it serves fairly and effectively all the communities within the Borough.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. Rowsell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "P". A horizontal line is drawn underneath the signature.

Paul Rowsell