



Department for  
Communities and  
Local Government

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Dear Ms Kemp,

**ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL: REVISED  
INTERVENTION**

I am writing to you to inform you that the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government and the Secretary of State for Education (“the Secretaries of State”) have today made further Directions, under section 15(5) and (6) of the Local Government Act 1999 and section 497A(4B) of the Education Act 1996, in relation to your Authority. I enclose a copy of the Directions, together with an explanatory memorandum.

These Directions amend the Directions issued on 11 February 2016 and are consistent with the Secretary of State’s ‘minded to’ letter of 19 October 2016 regarding the return of licensing functions to the council. Similarly to the February 2016 Directions, you will see that service areas returned to the Council are not defined explicitly in the Directions. Instead the Directions set out (at paragraph 5 of Annex B) which service areas and associated executive and non-executive functions are to be exercised by the Commissioners; all others including licensing functions will therefore fall to the Authority to exercise by default. The Commissioner team will continue to have oversight over the service areas returned to the Council and with effect from today this will now include licensing functions. In all other respects, the February 2016 Directions remain unchanged.

I am copying this letter to your Authority’s Section 151 Officer, and to its Monitoring Officer.

Yours sincerely,

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