



Department for
Communities and
Local Government

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Dear Sharon,

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 13 December 2016. They are consistent with the Secretary of State’s ‘minded to’ letter of 9 February 2017 regarding the return of six services to the Council and the representations received on 23 February regarding the return of the power to appoint Council representatives to external bodies.

Similar to the February 2016 Directions, the 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 fall to the Authority to exercise by default. The Commissioner team will continue to have oversight over the powers returned to the Council including the ones returned today. In all other respects, the December 2016 Directions remain in force.

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

Yours sincerely,

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