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By email

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Dear Mr Mair,

## **SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL: APPOINTMENT OF THIRD COMMISSIONER**

I wrote to you on 1 December informing you that the Secretary of State had made Directions under section 15(5) of the Local Government Act 1999 to implement the intervention package he had proposed on 25 October.

I am now writing to inform you that today the Secretary of State has nominated Gavin Jones as Assistant Commissioner. The Directions of 1 December 2021 provide for the Secretary of State to nominate Commissioners, who are to exercise, or oversee, as the case may be, certain functions of your Council. The Secretary of State expects Gavin to fulfil this role of Assistant Commissioner for three days a week, and he will provide additional capacity to focus on implementation of the improvement and recovery plan, hold officers to account for delivery, help set the vision for the organisation, and drive the cultural change required.

As you are aware the Directions require your Authority to take certain actions, including providing the Commissioners with such reasonable amenities, services and administrative support as the Commissioners may reasonably require from time to time to undertake their functions and responsibilities under these Directions. The Directions also require your Authority to allow the Commissioners at all reasonable times access to any premises of your Authority, to any document relating to your Authority, and to any employee or member of your Authority.

The Directions require your Authority to pay the Commissioners reasonable expenses and such fees as the Secretary of State determines to be paid to them. The Secretary of State is mindful of the need for Commissioner remuneration to represent value for money for local taxpayers. In recognition of the nature and scale of the intervention, he has determined fees of £1,100 per day for the Assistant Commissioner. The Secretary of State also expects the Commissioners to be paid reasonable expenses in accordance with the rules for senior officers set out in your Authority's staff handbook.

I am copying this letter to the Commissioners and to your Council's Section 151 Officer and to its Monitoring Officer. This letter will be [published](#), together with Gavin's appointment letter and a revised Explanatory Memorandum to the Directions.

Yours sincerely,

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