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By email

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Dear Dr Smith,

I am writing to confirm that the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government has extended your nomination as Managing Director Commissioner for the purposes and duration of the Directions made on 16 March 2023 under section 15(5) and (6) of the Local Government Act 1999 in relation to Thurrock Council. I enclose the formal nomination document which supersedes the nomination issued on 16 March 2023.

Your role remains unchanged since your original appointment, though the Minister has written to you, and other Commissioners, separately, about the expectations that he has in relation to the development of proposals for unitary local government.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for assisting in this intervention. We are very grateful for your continued commitment to work with the Council in partnership to support focus on recovery and reform.

Yours sincerely,

James Blythe
Deputy Director, Local Government Stewardship and Interventions

NOMINATION UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1999 (DIRECTION UNDER SECTION 15(6) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1999 TO THURROCK COUNCIL, 2025)

The Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, in exercise of powers under section 15 of the Local Government Act 1999 and in accordance with the Directions to Thurrock Borough Council dated 16 March 2023 nominates Dr Dave Smith as Managing Director Commissioner for the period ending on 1 September 2025 or such time as the Secretary of State determines.