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By email

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Dear Sharon, Tony, and Margaret,

I wish to inform you that, after careful consideration of all representations received and developments since his 'minded to' proposals, the Secretary of State has today issued Directions to Nottingham City Council under section 15(5) of the Local Government Act 1999 and appointed Sharon Kemp as Ministerial Envoy; I am grateful for your continued involvement in Nottingham's improvement journey. A second appointment will be made in due course.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognise, once again, the expertise and professionalism you have brought to the intervention over the past two years. The Commissioners have played an instrumental role in supporting the Council's leadership, working closely with officers and members to drive progress and establish strong foundations for ongoing improvement. Your detailed reporting has been central to informing the Secretary of State's decisions on next steps.

The Council's leadership has demonstrated a constructive and cooperative approach, engaging actively with the Commissioners and seeking support where required. This joint effort, guided and supported by the Commissioners, has accelerated progress across most Best Value themes. As the intervention moves into its next phase, I hope to continue seeing strong collaboration with the Ministerial Envoys, while the Council takes increasing ownership of its improvement.

The Council is now on a much stronger footing, which has informed the decision to extend the intervention while reducing its scope.

Thank you again for your continued input and oversight in supporting the Council's progress, and in other Best Value areas where your expertise continues to make a practical impact.

Yours ever,

ALISON MCGOVERN MP

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