



Ministry of Housing,
Communities &
Local Government

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Dear Sharon,

ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL: REVISED DIRECTIONS

I am writing to inform you that the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government has today revoked the Directions issued on 12 September 2017 which will remove Commissioners as of 23 September 2018. He has also made further Directions under section 15(5) and (6) of the Local Government Act 1999 (“the 1999 Act”) and section 497A(4B) of the Education Act 1996 in relation to your Authority. I enclose a copy of these Directions, together with an explanatory memorandum.

These Directions are consistent with the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government’s ‘minded to’ letter of 23 July 2018 regarding the end of the Commissioners’ role in exercising any functions of the Authority (including in relation to children’s social care services).

The Directions set out a requirement for the Council to submit to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government and the Secretary of State for Education an independent review of their performance to ensure compliance with the requirements of Part 1 of the 1999 Act. This report should be submitted no later than 18 February 2019.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and all your colleagues for the work you have done to drive improvement in Rotherham.

I am copying this letter to your Authority’s section 151 Officer, to its Monitoring Officer and to the Commissioners’ office.

Yours sincerely,

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