



Department for Communities and Local Government

Chris Allison CBE

29 April 2015

COUNCIL OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS: INTERVENTION

I am writing to let you know that the Secretary of State has nominated you as a Commissioner for the purposes of the Directions he has made under section 15 (5) and (6) of the Local Government Act 1999 in relation to the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. I enclose the formal nomination document.

You will see that you are nominated as Commissioner for the period from 29 April 2015 to 31 March 2017. The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government has already nominated Sir Ken Knight, as Lead Commissioner, and Max Caller CBE as Commissioner. He is also today nominating Alan Wood CBE as Commissioner.

As a Commissioner you will have the roles and responsibilities set out in the Directions, copies of which I enclose, along with a copy of an explanatory memorandum accompanying the Directions of 17 December 2014 and covering letter to the Directions of 29 April 2015. Under the Directions Commissioners will act jointly or severally and are accountable to the Secretary of State in that you have been nominated by him and can have your nomination withdrawn by him; you will report to him on the progress of the intervention.

As Commissioner you will be entitled to a fee for each day you act as Commissioner. You will also be entitled to reasonable expenses. Under the terms of the Directions, it is the Council's responsibility to meet these costs, and the Secretary of State has set these fees for you at £700 per day up to a maximum of 50 days per annum for the first year, and 30 days per annum thereafter, without prior approval of the Secretary of State. As to reasonable expenses, we would expect these to be in accordance with the rules for senior officers set out in the Council's staff handbook.

Should you have any queries or issues either now or during the Direction period please contact my office to discuss with me.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for assisting in this intervention. We are very grateful for your commitment to taking up this challenge to improve the performance of the Council so that it serves fairly and effectively all the communities within the Borough.

I am copying this to Sir Ken Knight, Lead Commissioner.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. Rowsell". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

Paul Rowsell