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Dear Florence

I am writing to you as I have today updated Parliament about the steps we are taking to support Nottingham City Council to meet the Best Value Duty.

The department has today published the fourth report from the Nottingham Commissioners, alongside my response. The report highlights the significant progress the Council has made since February 2024 under new Council leadership and with Commissioners' support, particularly in strengthening the senior leadership, strategic direction, financial management and stability, governance, and working relationships. Strong foundations are now in place, but the Council remains at an early stage in its recovery and challenges remain. Continued focus will be essential to embed the still fragile improvements and achieve transformational change, particularly in children's and adult's services.

We have carefully considered evidence about Nottingham City Council's position and we are writing to the Council today to outline the proposed next steps following the scheduled end of the current intervention. In recognition of, and to help build on, the substantial progress, the Secretary of State is minded to provide a further but reduced package of statutory support to the Council for eighteen months, overseen by two Ministerial Envoys. This would be reviewed after twelve months.

We have invited representations on the proposed intervention package by Wednesday 11 February. The Secretary of State and I will carefully consider all representations before taking a decision as to how to proceed beyond February so that we provide appropriate support to the Council to take the next steps.

Yours sincerely,

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