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To: interventions@communities.gov.uk

Subject: Government Intervention - Supporting Croydon Council's formal response

FAO: Jim McMahon - Minister for Local Government and Devolution

Dear Minister

As Chief Executives from across Croydon's voluntary and community sector (VCS) we have shared with Mayor Perry our concerns regarding the Government's decision to appoint Commissioners in Croydon.

Operationally our concerns are that the disruption may result in bottlenecks with POs and contracts and further delays in payments for VCS groups already struggling with their cashflow. Any further closure of VCS services in Croydon will have a disproportionate effect on our most vulnerable residents.

At a strategic level, the Council is exploring how the local VCS can play an even greater role in both improving services for Croydon residents and enabling growth and investment in the borough. Our main concern is that Government intervention may compromise the Council's transformational work, causing delays to the improvements that Croydon so desperately needs.

The Council has aligned with the Government's Civil Society Covenant in resetting its relationship with the local VCS. Our concern is that this decision will not only disrupt the Council's transformation plans, but could also put at risk the trusting relationship built up between the Council and our local VCS.

The Council has our support in encouraging you to reconsider the Government's decision.

Yours sincerely



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