

# Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

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Dear Rob,

I am writing regarding an evidence session the Committee intends to hold on Wednesday 6 March to consider the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman's 2018 Triennial Legislative Review. At the evidence session we will be hearing from the Ombudsman and the Minister for Local Government, Rishi Sunak MP. A key element in the triennial review is the proposed creation of a new Public Services Ombudsman, which as you know would bring together the LGSCO and the PHSO. The review makes several recommendations regarding the draft Public Service Ombudsman Bill published in December 2016.

Ahead of this we would like to ask for your views on this issue and on the recommendations made in the LGSCO's triennial review regarding the creation of a PSO to inform the Committee's understanding of the evidence that will be presented at this session. In particular, we would like your views on the areas currently under the jurisdiction of PHSO, and how these would be impacted by the change.

I would be grateful if your office could provide us with this by 15 February.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clive Betts', with a large, stylized initial 'C' at the start.

**Clive Betts MP**  
Chair, Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee