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**Michael Cloake,  
Chairman,  
Children and Young People's Services Select Committee**

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Dear Michael,

**Reviewing powers of the Local Authority in relation to Academies -  
recommendation from the Children and Young People's Services Select  
Committee – 20 June 2018**

I refer to the recommendation made by the Committee at the last meeting asking that I write to the Secretary of State for Education to request that the Government reviews the powers of Local Authorities in relation to Academies. Subsequent to that, at the meeting of the County Council on 20 July 2018, a Notice of Motion made a similar request asking that the Leader and I write to the Secretary of State to request that the Government reviews the powers of Local Authorities to intervene in Academies where they are in difficulties in order to enable them to fulfil their statutory duties and champion their children and young people to ensure they get the best start in life.

In response to both of these requests a joint letter from the Leader and myself has been sent to the Secretary of State. This highlights our concerns about the inability of the Local Authority to act in contributing to improving the performance of failing Academies.

A copy of this letter is enclosed; when I receive a response from the Minister I will ensure that it is shared with the Committee.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard Burrett".

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Enc – Letter to Secretary of State for Education