



Ed Davey MP
Minister for Employment Relations, Consumer
and Postal Affairs
Department for Business, Innovation and Skills
1 Victoria Street
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Dear Minister,

I am writing as Chair of the Local Government Association's Economy and Transport Board to propose a meeting to discuss the latest developments on post offices and partnership working with local government.

At the end of last year, you held a very helpful meeting with the Councillor Kemp, Post Office Limited and Sheffield City Council to discuss how the local government could strengthen its partnership working with Post Office Ltd.

There has been some good progress since then. The Post Office Ltd was involved in the LGA's annual conference, and working with Councillor Kemp, they have been looking at how to form more strategic partnerships with local authorities.

The proposals to mutualise the Post Office lend this work even greater importance. The foundations for these proposals will be built on the strength of relationships, trust and, on the government's preferred model, the alignment of producer and consumer interest

Over the next few years, we would like to see a much stronger partnership with the Post Office develop. As you know, communities and councillors are passionate about many local services, with the local post office network near the top of the list.

Against that background, we would like to discuss with you the extension of the pilot work with Sheffield City Council, local government's interest in mutualisation, the scope for developing local post office mutuals and the integration of post offices into the local public service offer.

I hope we could involve Alice Perkins to whom I am copying this letter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Box', with a stylized, cursive script.

Cllr Peter Box

Chair LG Group Economy and Transport Board