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Chris Patten minuted you on 7 June with proposals for the final caps on the selected authorities.

I have considered his proposals, particularly in regard to Southwark where it is proposed that they report quarterly on relevant expenditure in order to maintain a continuing improvement in their child protection services. You will recall that there has been a long standing concern about the quality of child protection services in Southwark. My officials in the Social Services Inspectorate have commented that whilst good progress has been made in addressing some of these issues it is unlikely that this would have been done without the conditions set as part of the previous rate redetermination exercise. I am in complete agreement with their view that a further year of conditions such as those proposed would help to ensure that child protection in the borough would continue to receive the priority it requires.

I am content to accept the proposals Chris has put forward.

I am copying this minute to other E(LG) colleagues and to Sir Robin Butler.

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