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Minister for Common Sense unveils crackdown on public sector waste

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THE new Minister for Common Sense today declares war on the waste and wokery that is plaguing the public sector.

In her first major intervention since being appointed by Rishi Sunak, Esther McVey reveals she is launching investigations into poor use of taxpayers' money.

Writing exclusively in the Daily Mail, she vows a crusade against public cash being wasted on the likes of equality consultants while families are being forced to tighten their belts. And she pledges to back civil servants so they can get on with their jobs and deliver results instead of 'hand-wringing' and constantly worrying about making mistakes.

'As we approach 2024, I believe one of the Government's New Year resolutions should be to ensure all parts of the public sector embrace common sense instead of political correctness,' Ms McVey says.

When she was given the role of minister without portfolio in the Cabinet Office in last month's reshuffle, her husband, fellow Tory Philip Davies, vowed she would take on the 'Blob' and 'put a stop to some of the non-sense that we see'.

In today's article Ms McVey also highlights The Mail on Sunday's recent revelation that some councils are paying the heating bills of staff who continue to work from home.

At least 11 local authorities have spent close to £450,000 on employees' energy since 2019, the Mail's sister paper found. It is 'a perfect example of a bad decision to which any taxpayer would object', Ms McVey writes. 'And yet, it was allowed to happen.' She says



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