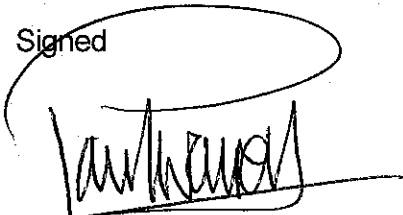


**DIRECTION OF ROCHFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL UNDER THE HOUSING  
BENEFIT AND COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT (ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS)  
(MISCELLANEOUS BENEFITS) ORDER 2006**

The Chief Executive of Rochford District Council, in accordance with paragraph 2 of Schedule 11 of the Housing Benefit Regulations 2006, paragraph 2 of Schedule 9 of the Council Tax Benefit Regulations 2006, paragraph 2 of Schedule 8 of the Housing Benefit (Persons who have attained the qualifying age for state pension credit) hereby makes the following direction:

An individual who, in accordance with the 2006 Regulations, makes a claim for Housing Benefit or Council Tax Benefit under the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 is authorised to do so by an electronic communication, provided that the individual uses the method approved by the Authority in relation to the claim.

Signed



**Paul Warren**  
Chief Executive  
Rochford District Council

6 July 2010.