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Bingham Town Councillors
Bingham Town Clerk

Dear Councillors and Clerk,

Outcome of Rushcliffe Borough Council meeting 30 September 2021

At the Rushcliffe Borough Council Full Council meeting of 30 September 2021, members debated a report on the Petition received which called on the council to dissolve Bingham Town Council and take over its operation until new elections can be held; and reset the culture and strengthen the procedures at Bingham Town Council. The report can be found here: [Bingham Petition.pdf \(rushcliffe.gov.uk\)](#)

At the meeting it was agreed that:

- a. the Council does not accept the Petition;
- b. the Council does not proceed to conduct a Community Governance Review of Bingham Town Council;
- c. the Council provides a written response to the Petition organisers, indicating its reasons for rejection of the Petition;
- d. the Chief Executive writes to Bingham Town Council and Nottinghamshire County Council sharing the contents of this report and setting out what is agreed by Council;
- e. The Council supports a commitment to working collaboratively with Bingham Town Council and will write to offer to set up an improvement board to review governance and improvement issues at the Town Council and asks the Monitoring Officer to make any necessary changes to the constitution to allow Council to establish such a group.

I am therefore writing to confirm what was agreed and to reiterate the commitment set out in point e) above (which is different to the original report).

In the first instance, the Leader and I would like to invite the Mayor and Clerk of Bingham Town Council to meet with us to discuss how an Improvement Board could best be set up to include an independent chair and external support and expertise (eg from NALC and the LGA). This could be similar to a Peer Review approach that has been used in the Local Authority sector successfully for many years.

I do hope that you will be able to accept this offer as an opportunity to move forward positively. Those of you who came to the meeting or watched it on YouTube will know that there were many positive comments about what a great place Bingham is and that is what this proposed board will look to build upon.

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I understand that there is a Full Council meeting on the 19 October. If this letter might be discussed at that meeting and returns a positive response, I will make arrangements to meet with the Mayor and Clerk thereafter to progress matters.

We look forward to a continued positive working relationship with Bingham Town Council.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. S. Marriott'.

Kath Marriott
Chief Executive

CC: Anthony May, Chief Executive Nottinghamshire County Council
Cllr Simon Robinson, Leader Rushcliffe Borough Council