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Dear Colin,

When I met with you, Penny and Lynne earlier this week, I told you that the council intends to discontinue its administrative and financial support for the Older People's Council (OPC). You asked me to put this in writing so it can be shared with other OPC members.

The council will cease providing administrative support for the OPC from 01 April 2017, and will also stop funding future OPC elections. The council currently also pays OPC 'expenses', such as travel claims, venue hire, printing costs and the print & design costs of the OPC annual report. The OPC will be given £5,000 for 2017/18 to cover expenses for the coming year, but the all funding will cease from April 2018 onwards.

I regret that we have had to stop providing support to the OPC. Unfortunately, the council is under considerable pressure to focus its spending on core services, and this obliges us to take a number of difficult decisions. This has been discussed with and agreed by Leaders' Group.

We hope that the OPC will continue operating as a self-supported organisation, and the council's Communities team will offer assistance to facilitate this - for example, providing advice on accessing potential alternative funding sources. Elected members and council officers will also continue to attend OPC meetings and provide information as we do currently.

Yours sincerely



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