Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government

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Dear Councillor John Gallagher,

I am writing on behalf of the Secretary of State to issue an extension to the deadline for your council to move from the committee system to the leader and cabinet system of governance under section 9K(3) of the Local Government Act 2000.

Changes to council governance legislation made in the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026 will require your council to move to the leader and cabinet system by 29 June 2027 unless a dissolution order – that is, a structural changes order that dissolves the council – is made before this deadline or an extension is granted to the deadline.

The "minded to" decision I have issued to your council on 29 October 2026 will, if implemented, dissolve your council. While no final decision on local government reorganisation in your area has been reached, I consider the “minded to” decision sufficient to meet the statutory test for the issuing of an extension, namely that I consider that it is more likely than not that a dissolution order will be made in relation to your council during the period of one year from 29 June 2027. Accordingly, I am issuing an extension for the maximum one-year period. If a dissolution order is not made before 29 June 2028, your council is likely to become subject to the requirement to move to the leader and cabinet system of governance.

I am copying this letter to your Chief Executive and local MP.

Yours sincerely

Jim McMahon.

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