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Dear Clerk

### **THE FUTURE OF PARISH WARDENS – MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL**

As you will be aware the Council has had wardens for nearly a decade now and they have had various remits within that time. Short term funding was originally provided by central government as part of a national wardens programme and in common with many other local authorities MKC picked up the funding and revised some of the roles.

In recent years the number of posts has reduced and currently there are 6 posts with 4 wardens in position. In developing the Councils budget for 2013/13 a proposal was made to delete these remaining posts. Feedback during the budget consultation process suggested that this needed more consideration. The Council therefore made a decision to continue funding the roles for the 2013/14 period to allow the Parish and Town Councils time to consider whether they want to contribute towards the funding of these posts. The Authority is open to Parish proposals as to how this could be achieved.

I would be grateful if you would now give this your consideration. Being mindful of the need to be clear about the way forward for staff but also of enabling you to have the time to fully consider this opportunity I would need to know your position at the latest by the end of September 2013

Should you wish to discuss this further then please do contact Auzra Flynn, Head of Neighbourhood Management, directly on [auzra.flynn@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:auzra.flynn@milton-keynes.gov.uk) or 01908 252574. This matter will also be raised at the next Milton Keynes Parish Forum on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2013 so you will have further opportunity to discuss this. Auzra and I will be present at that meeting.

Any posts subsequently not required by Parish or Town Councils are proposed to be deleted and those MKC employees affected will be subject to the usual HR processes around redundancy and redeployment.

I would be grateful if you would ensure that this letter is shared with your Chair and parish councillors.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'JP', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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