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Dear

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Devolution of Assets

As you are aware the Council has for some time now been discussing the devolvement of assets to Town and Parish Councils and community groups. That process is now almost complete and there is a small number of assets remaining where neither the Town or Parish Council nor any community group has come forward to take on the asset.

In the case of Rye Town Council we are considering:

Rye Station Public Conveniences

It has always been the Council's intention that in the event that there was no interest in taking on the asset then an alternative use would be implemented. Alternative uses may include closure of facilities and disposal of the land on the open market.

The Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet recently considered the matter and requested that before any alternative uses for the remaining assets were implemented each of the local councils should be written to and given a final opportunity to take on the asset or assist in its devolution to other eligible bodies.

The essence of the offer to other local councils has been a 99 year lease at a rental of £1 per year. The Council has also offered a 10 year reducing maintenance deal to allow local councils to build up sufficient reserves to deal with the on-going maintenance of the asset.

Officers of the Council are available to discuss this matter with you or meet with your Parish Council. Please contact Lisa Hayward Bartlett, lisa.hayward-bartlett@rother.gov.uk 01424 787536 in the first instance if you have any queries or require further information at this stage.

In any event, would you be kind enough to let me know by **Monday June 6th 2016** whether your Council wishes to pursue this opportunity.

Yours sincerely,


Councillor Lord Ampthill
Portfolio Holder Finance and Value for Money

