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Councillor Ranjit Banwait  
Derby City Council  
Council House  
Corporation Street  
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Dear Councillor Banwait

I understand that Derby City Council has recently consulted on reviewing its election cycle and is considering a move away from annual elections to a 4 year electoral cycle.

On the basis of greater stability, an easier to understand system along with cost savings and in the interests of longer-term planning, I can confirm that the University of Derby would support moving to a whole council election model, and believe a proposal to have a 4 year term in the future is a good one and should be adopted for the benefit of the entire area that the city council serves.

We would encourage the city to move to a whole council cycle.

This conclusion is based on the advantages highlighted in the proposed system over the current system and in no way reflecting or representing a political view as the University is a politically neutral organisation.

Yours sincerely



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