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**Re: Derby City Council Election Cycle**

Dear Mr Hough,

I write as chair of Derby Renaissance Board to express our views on the consultation which is underway into possible changes to the electoral process at Derby City Council.

As you are aware, DRB is one of Derby's outcome boards and is focused on helping to drive economic development in the city. Our membership includes senior representation from major employers, such as Rolls-Royce, Toyota and Bombardier, SMEs, business organisations, the university, college, hospital trust and Third Sector organisations.

DRB has previously signalled its support for a change to whole council elections, held every four years. This remains our preferred option.

Such a move would, in our opinion, offer increased stability and allow for greater strategic leadership. It would also, of course, save almost £500,000 in each cycle.

We very much hope that the authority will take this opportunity to make a significant and positive change.

Yours sincerely

**Steve Hall**  
Chair  
Derby Renaissance Board