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The Rt Hon Angela Rayner MP
Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government

Via email to angela.rayner.mp@parliament.uk

Dear Angela,

Local Government Reorganisation – Request for Reimbursement of Costs

I am writing on behalf of Broxtowe Borough Council following the Government's recent decision to pause the Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) programme.

The Council has consistently argued that local government reorganisation should be informed by a clear and compelling service rationale, supported by evidence that it would deliver tangible benefits for residents and communities. However, in recognition of the Government's direction, we committed significant officer time and resources to the programme to ensure that the Council could engage fully with the process and effectively represent the interests of our residents.

Importantly, the Council's position has been consistent throughout. In October 2025, we wrote to the then Secretary of State setting out our concerns and calling for a pause to the LGR process. We reiterated this position in November 2025, making clear that any future consideration of reorganisation should be based upon demonstrable service need, rather than structural reform being pursued on a financial basis.

Despite these concerns, the Council continued to participate constructively and in good faith in the process, incurring significant costs as a direct consequence of that engagement. As part of this work, the Council undertook an independent consultation with its residents at a cost of £102,921. This was considered essential to ensure that local communities had a meaningful opportunity to inform the Council's response to the proposals and that resident views were properly reflected in our submissions.

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As a result of participating in this Government-led process, the Council has incurred costs estimated to have exceeded £250,000. In addition to the spend associated with the resident consultation, substantial officer resources have also been dedicated to the programme. The Chief Executive, the Deputy Chief Executive and other senior officers have been extensively involved in LGR discussions and governance arrangements, including representation at both Strategic and Implementation Board level. This commitment has inevitably diverted senior management capacity from core priorities and services for Broxtowe residents. The Deputy Leader of the Council and myself have also been actively engaged and extensively involved in LGR discussions at a strategic level across the county. While it is difficult to quantify the full opportunity cost of these activities, it is reasonable to conclude that it has had an impact on the Council's capacity to deliver other priorities.

We do not believe it is reasonable for the taxpayers of Broxtowe to bear these costs now that the Government has decided to pause the programme. We are therefore formally requesting reimbursement of the reasonable costs incurred by the Council in responding to and supporting the LGR process.

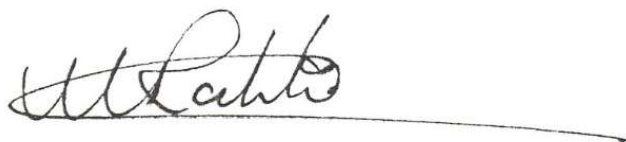
Our current estimated direct costs, excluding those costs centralised costs across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, are:

Costing	Amount
Broxtowe Borough Council LGR Consultation	£102,921
Officer resources and the work of the Leader of the Council and the Deputy Leader	£150,000 (estimated)

The Council has acted responsibly throughout this process. Although we did not support the proposed approach, we committed the necessary resources to engage constructively and ensure that the interests and views of our residents were fully represented. Considering the Government's decision to pause the programme, we believe it is appropriate that these costs are recognised and reimbursed by Government rather than falling upon local taxpayers.

I would be grateful if you could confirm the Government's position on reimbursement

Yours sincerely,



Councillor Milan Radulovic MBE
Leader of Broxtowe Borough Council