## HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



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Councillor Paul Carter Leader Kent County Council County Hall MAIDSTONE ME14 1QX

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Dear Paul

This Association represents the County and District Councils of Hampshire, the Unitary Councils of Portsmouth, Southampton and Isle of Wight, the Police, Fire and New Forest National Park Authorities. We also represent local council associations and third sector.

At its Annual Meeting on 4 June the Association resolved to report to SEEC its consensus view that South East England Councils should be abolished.

I enclose a copy of the relevant minute which is on our website.

I appreciate that, since the Association meeting, South East Leaders collectively have agreed to keep SEEC going on a much reduced basis.

This letter, therefore, is simply a reminder from this part of the South East that we wish to keep the bureaucracy to a minimum.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Ian Carr CHAIRMAN