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Dear Sarah,

Cheddar Public Toilets

I wanted to confirm with you that the decision to close the toilets was made by Somerset Council on 20th February 2024. I understand that through correspondence with the us this this message has become confused. It was never our intention to give the impression that this decision was made by Cheddar Parish Council and I hope you will accept my apology for the way in which this has escalated.

Somerset Council stands by the difficult decisions made in order to set a balanced budget and we remain optimistic that a way forward can be found for these toilets through external contributions or service devolution. I hope the confusion over the past week is not taken as a reflection of the relationship we wish to build and maintain with Cheddar Parish Council.

I am aware that Sarah Dowden is in contact with the Parish Council on future options, and that an agreement has been struck to reopen one of the facilities imminently, funded externally until 7th May.

This gives time for further discussions between Somerset Council and Cheddar Parish Council, with the hope that we can agree on a way to keep the toilets open in time for your next full council meeting on 30th April.

Yours sincerely

Chris Hall

Executive Director – Community Services

Cc Paul Fineran, Chair of CPC's Policy and Resources Committee