

The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea
The Town Hall, Hornton Street, London, W8 7NX



THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF
**KENSINGTON
AND CHELSEA**

25 January 2022

Dear Barry

It is with a heavy heart that I accept your letter of resignation and I thank you for the advance notice of your intentions.

I am so grateful that you extended your time with us, from weeks to years, and although we shall miss your advice, good humour and experience, you leave us with strong foundations on which we can continue to improve this Council.

You joined us in the immediate aftermath of the Grenfell tragedy, and you stayed to help support the recovery of the bereaved and survivors. Publilius Syrus once said, "anyone can hold the helm when the sea is calm", but you ensured that we stayed afloat in very stormy seas so we could continue to serve our residents and communities.

The Council has changed beyond measure under your leadership - its values, governance, policy priorities and management. I want to assure you that we will continue this journey to transform and modernise, so that we live up to the values we profess. We put our communities first, we always, no matter what, act with integrity, we always treat people with respect and we always work together with the communities we serve.

Of course, there is always more to do: local government never stops and never rests, but it is important to say that this Council would not be where it is today were it not for your unstinting efforts. I know you will put your all into the next few months.

I also know that I speak for all councillors and staff when I say that it has been a huge privilege and a great pleasure to have worked with you over the last four and a half years.

With very best wishes for the future.

Yours

Cllr Elizabeth Campbell
Leader of the Council, Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea