

Potential postponement of Oxford's local elections in May

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To [Anneliese.dodds Mp](#)

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Dear Anneliese Dodds

I hope you will agree that the upholding of democracy is crucial to the way we operate in the UK.

The initial silence from Oxford City Council on the potential postponement of local elections in May has been disappointing. The Leader of the Council, Cllr Susan Brown (Labour), said nothing until she was put under pressure by opposition councillors, and the response was, even then, only to arrange a meeting of the council at the very last minute (5pm on Wed 14 Jan) where councillors will be able to "express their views". There is apparently going to be no vote on what the Council's response will be.

Please find attached a letter sent to the Chief Executive of Oxford City Council, to which we have just received an inadequate reply.

I trust that you will encourage your Labour colleagues, who do not hold a majority on Oxford City Council, to ensure that the process of deciding what response to send, to the Secretary of State, is reached through a democratic process in the Chamber.

Kind regards

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