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Mr Hugo Andersson
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Dear Mr Andersson

North Sea Regional Advisory Council (NSRAC) Secretariat

I write to you to confirm Aberdeenshire Council's wish to express an interest in continuing to host the NSRAC Secretariat. As you are aware Aberdeenshire Council has fully supported the NSRAC through its development to being the important organisation it is today. I understand that the NSRAC carried out an internal review last year, which produced a number of recommendations.

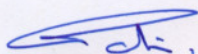
I believe after six years we should also be reviewing the administration of the NSRAC, to ensure that we are able to move forward fit for the new challenges and opportunities, which will face the NSRAC.

After discussion with the Chairman and Executive Secretary, I would like to suggest the following:

- Aberdeenshire Council will provide, accountancy, communication, web support, extra admin support and political backing in kind.
- Aberdeenshire Council will provide meeting rooms and technical support in kind.
- As stated by the EU Commission, Aberdeenshire Council now has to charge the NSRAC rent for the office we are still willing to provide
- Aberdeenshire Council will continue to employ both Executive Secretary and the Administrator and then second them to the NSRAC, at present 100 days of the Executive Secretary post is funded by NSRAC and all the costs of the Administrative post.

I can assure you of Aberdeenshire Council's continued support for the NSRAC and I or my nominee will attend your Executive Committee meeting in June to formally present the Aberdeenshire Council proposal, subject to the agreement of the appropriate Council Committee.

Yours sincerely,



Colin D Mackenzie
CHIEF EXECUTIVE