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The Chief Executive
C/o Mark Wall
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Dear Chief Executive,

Old Police Station, St. Andrew's Road, Portslade

Please could this letter be placed on the agenda of the Policy & Resources Committee for its meeting on 1st May 2014.

The old police station on St. Andrew's Road in Portslade is a building which means so much to the local community. Elements of the interior are well preserved, especially the police cells which remain in good repair and are particularly atmospheric. Having visited it myself recently I have no doubt of its potential as a key heritage asset for the city.

I know from my discussions with residents that external organisations have expressed an interest in providing support and help towards securing funding that could achieve this aim. All we are asking for is just a little more time to see whether these plans can come to fruition. Given that, would the chair of the committee commit to allowing a three month moratorium prior to work starting on conversion to housing? This would give us as a community the chance to engage with interesting external parties to see whether together we can build a robust plan to preserve the building as a heritage attraction.

This site has real historical significance to the people of Portslade. Please give us at least the opportunity to preserve some of that heritage for future generations.

Yours sincerely,



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