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**From:** Middleton, Benjamin  
**Sent:** 12 November 2015 10:53  
**To:** Gomersall, Chris; Stockton, Mary; Rowland, Edward  
**Cc:** Gresswell, Martin  
**Subject:** FW: Otley Civic Centre

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FYI and date for panel report, I shall keep you informed of any responses

Regards

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**Subject:** Otley Civic Centre

Dear Cllrs Campbell, Downes and Lay,

I am writing to inform you that following a recent briefing with our Executive Member, Cllr Richard Lewis, and in the absence of a council requirement, the council cannot continue to leave the Otley Civic Centre empty any longer without taking some action. It is in all our interests to try and identify a viable and sustainable occupier for this property, which will bring this building back into use, and it is proposed that the Council will now test the market to assess demand from potential occupiers, by inviting expressions of interest for the property, which will include erecting a board on the property, inviting expressions of interest, advertising and marketing particulars. The results of this exercise will then allow the Council to take an informed decision on the property's future.

I have copied in Greg Mulholland MP, and Ray Georgeson, leader of Otley Town Council of this proposal, as you know I met with them over the summer at the premises, as they have both expressed an interest in this property and the Town Council relocating back to Otley Civic Centre, and may well wish to discuss this proposal further.

I would be grateful to receive your views/comments.

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