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Dear Shona,

As you know the Marina Theatre has been going through a period of internal and organisational review. As part of that, the Board too has been looking closely at itself, its makeup, functions and skills. It has considered how potential Board members should be chosen and invited for specific reasons, because of their skills, attributes and experience.

At a recent meeting it was discussed & decided that the MTT Board would like to propose a change in the Lowestoft Town Council representation. We would like to propose that the two representatives from LTC on the MTT Board are the Clerk/CEO and the Chair/Mayor.

Although we know we are one of many, we are one of your biggest, most important, high-profile assets and having these two roles as Board members would add consistency and emphasise the importance of the Marina to the town and the community.

In the past, having the person who was the Mayor/Chair of the council has been positive and immensely beneficial as it allowed us guidance in terms of LTC thinking. This saves all of us time in making decisions that reflect the Council's needs & direction, thereby avoiding unnecessary discussion, confrontation and delay.

We want to continue to build a better positive relationship with LTC than we recently had with WDC. Like the Council, we want to look forward and not back. As you are aware, we have a 5-year plan looking to the future and we want to work with you on this going forward. In reviewing our LTC representation we looked long and hard at what would complement and assist the current Board and realised that it is the roles/positions of Clerk and Chair, with their overview, clarity and expertise that we need. Adding these roles/functions to the Board would help to build and grow this important partnership for Lowestoft which we all want to be a success.

The signing of the supplemental management agreement is a crucial point in all of this. The Trust will need to amend its Memorandum & Articles of Association in regard to the new agreement and this seems an apposite moment to make this change about LTC representation.

We realise that this is an important decision that will need to be discussed at Full Council. We look forward to hearing from you in due course.

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