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Dear Mr Carter

Your comments made under Parliamentary privilege on 17 December are inaccurate, misleading and show a complete lack of understanding of the challenges imposed by your government on this Council's finances in the last 10 years. You continually state that there has been no dialogue between us on any matter. I remind you that I did write to you on 8 January 2020 in order to set up that regular political dialogue and to discuss all Council matters including finances. You did not reply.

Political debate is normally considered with an evidence base. You seem to ignore this to seek political advantage. In the interests of our Borough, I would again suggest that in 2021 we set up regular discussions about the many issues facing our Borough.

I look forward to a speedy response.

Yours sincerely

Councillor R Bowden Leader, Warrington Borough Council