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Dear Carolyn

Thank you for sending me the agreed resolution on Super Rats.

I am happy to commit to helping with this campaign and fully understand the concerns raised.

I would ask that in addition to the work lobbying government that a review is undertaken by the council to assess the combined impact of decisions taken by the council and its local partners including increasing fees for pest control, introducing fees for the removal of bulky goods, closure of household recycling centres, reduction in street cleaning staff and proposed change to a three weekly rota for waste collection and of course an assessment of the impact of investment in environment enforcement and behavioural change officers.

I understand entirely (and of course was involved in some of them) that these changes were introduced to balance the cruel and targeted cuts to Oldham's budget by this and the previous Coalition Government, but we should always take stock of the impact and review if the direct and indirect consequences are acceptable and if steps can be taken to minimise the impact.

I will get back to you as soon as I receive a response from the Minister and please be assured that I will make it clear that Government cuts to local authority budgets must bear some responsibility for the increase in vermin in our towns.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim".

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