To all headteachers of middle, secondary and high schools in Northumberland

Dear Headteacher

LOCAL DEMOCRACY WEEK, OCTOBER 2016

Further to the information sent to you in the headteachers’ bulletin on 19 July, I am writing to you as Northumberland County Council is looking to organise some events to participate in Local Democracy Week this year.

Key to our plans is to invite a number of high schools/secondary schools across the county to County Hall during Local Democracy Week. We are proposing that the sessions will include a short introduction from a county councillor about the session and the importance of local democracy, organise a panel for young people to ask questions of, run an e-voting quiz and other fun interactive sessions about democratic participation, and receive a tour of the civic rooms at County Hall.

We would like to invite middle schools on Wednesday 12 October and high schools (with the corresponding secondary school years invited on each days) for the afternoon of Thursday 13 October.

We would look forward to hearing from you about whether you would be interested. If it is easier for you (although it may depend on the level of demand for this request), we may be able to visit your school and run a session there instead.

In order for us to make arrangements (lunch will be provided, so we will need to have an idea about the numbers attending) and let you know how many places there will be for students to attend from each school, please could you let us know by Friday 23 September if you would like to participate?

If you have any queries about these sessions in the meantime, for any further queries, please contact Susan Taylor on telephone 01670 623451 or Mike Bird on 622616.

Yours sincerely

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Councillor Scott Dickinson
Business Chair, Northumberland County Council