Lucy Armstrong
Chairperson
Northumberland County Rugby Limited

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Communicated by Email

Madam Chair,

We, the undersigned clubs have considered your recent response to the points raised on our behalf by the Presidential Team. We particularly note that you have expressed 'very little appetite to continue in the current toxic atmosphere and circumstances.'

Any perception on your behalf that a toxic atmosphere persists, can only be attributed to the frustrations voiced by clubs that Rugby Development in the County is not being addressed, and that their views are not being considered and acted upon. It became clear in our recent meeting with the Trustees of Northumberland Rugby Football Union Ltd that the Board has transposed its responsibilities for Rugby Development in the County to the clubs individually rather than through leadership and consensus research through our constituent body.

You request clarification as to whether clubs wish to continue with the 'change' which you have brought about concerning the County's operation. The lack of detailed and meaningful answers to the points raised within the Presidential Team's presentation, and the lack of empathy towards clubs expressed within your recent response, lead us to the belief that your position is untenable. We would therefore respectfully request that you consider whether you wish to continue in your position or step down. Given the need to form a Nominations Committee in accordance with the County's Rules we would appreciate your decision within the next 21 days.

Signed by duly authorised representatives of the following clubs:-

Alnwick Rugby Football Club
Ashington Rugby Football Club
Berwick Rugby Football Club
Blyth Rugby Football Club
Border Park Rugby Football Club
Morpeth Rugby Football Club
Percy Park Rugby Football Club
Seghill Rugby Football Club
Tynedale Rugby Football Club.
West End Rugby Football Club
Whitley Bay Rockliff Rugby Football Club