

Dear Sir/Madam,

In the past you have written or emailed to us mentioning your concern about the future of cheques.

I thought you'd be pleased to know that the Payments Council announced on 12 July that cheques will continue for as long as customers need them and the target for possible closure of the cheque clearing in 2018 has been cancelled.

The decision yesterday was taken in the light of the confusion and alarm that the original target date on cheques had caused customers and organisations alike. I'd just like to say that we really appreciated the input from individuals, including those who represented local groups and societies, or larger organisations. It was good of you to take the time and I hope you know how much this helped to shape yesterday's announcement.

I have attached the press release and a customer fact sheet on the decision in case you've not seen the detail.

Thank you again for getting in touch, and please do contact my team again if you have more questions about the work we are doing.

Yours sincerely,

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