**22 April 2022**

Prime Minister,

The people of County Durham watched in fury and dismay as news broke that you and Chancellor Rishi Sunak breached the Covid lockdown regulations.

The recent images of you toasting yet another party at Downing Street, as the latest round of fines were doled out among your staff, has only added fuel to that fire.

As families waved to each other across gardens, as businesses collapsed across County Durham, as our communities organised food and medication runs for vulnerable people, as people tearfully watched loved ones draw their final breath on laptops and tablets, you and colleagues held parties – while we locked down, you lorded it up!

County Durham adhered to the restrictions imposed. We did it to protect loved ones, ease pressure on frontline heroes in an under-funded NHS, we did it because **YOU** told us to.

So many made heart-breaking sacrifices because, night after night, the Prime Minister appeared on national TV imploring us to “Stay Home. Protect the NHS. Save Lives”, but we now know these words were hollow, as our PM cheerfully broke the very laws he created!

Every one of us knows families who couldn’t attend a loved one’s funeral, visit sick relatives in hospital or hug their own child or parent. Durham residents did what was right, you did not.

Whether you understood the rules you created or simply thought they didn’t apply to you is now irrelevant; you broke the law, you lied about it and you got caught.

The time has come to do the right thing and resign as Prime Minister. The people of the UK and the people County Durham deserve better.

Regards

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Cllr Robert Adcock-Forster – Murton Division

Cllr Veronica Andrews - Burnopfield and Dipton Division

Cllr Jim Atkinson - Aycliffe East Division

Cllr John Purvis – Deneside Division

Cllr Peter Atkinson – Ferryhill Division

Cllr Alison Batey – Pelton Division

Cllr Karan Batey – Seaham Division

Cllr Gordon Binney – Tanfield Division

Cllr Curtis Bihari – Ferryhill Division

Cllr David Boyes - Easington Division

Cllr Jean Chaplow - Deerness Division

Cllr Rochelle Charlton-Lainé – Deneside Division

Cllr Rob Crute - Blackhalls Division

Cllr Stacey Deinali - Blackhalls Division

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