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Welcome move to vet councillors

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I REFER to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's stern warning to local councillors that they face removal if they fail to perform and tarnish the Government's image (NST, Oct 28).

It serves as a last call to the self-serving black sheep among the local councillors, who have veered from their true role, for honest self-examination and reappraisal of their attitudes, in keeping with their true function as councillors.

They have to rededicate themselves to their role of providing efficient service to the public or face the axe.

The good (or bad) days are over. They are now answerable to the Government (not to themselves) for their actions or inaction. The Government wants "to find ways to ensure their `non-performers' will be removed".

The PM's suggestion of a more stringent evaluation mechanism to vet would-be councillors is a welcome move that will weed out the lazy, the corrupt and those not truly dedicated to serving the public.

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