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Dear Chief Executive

EXECUTIVE FUNDING TO SUPPORT SHADOW COUNCILS

As you will be aware, the 11 new local government districts will have 462 councillors, made up as follows:

- Antrim and Newtownabbey District (40)
- Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon District (41)
- Belfast District (60)
- Causeway Coast and Glens District (40)
- Derry and Strabane District (40)
- Fermanagh and Omagh District (40)
- Lisburn and Castlereagh District (40)
- Mid and East Antrim District (40)
- Mid Ulster District (40)
- Newry, Mourne and Down District (41)
- North Down and Ards District (40)

As part of the Executive funding package of £47.8 million to support the implementation of local government reform, the Executive has agreed to provide £5.2 million for new councils in shadow mode. The £5.2 million was based on £4.5 million for councillors' basic allowances (@ £9,738 per councillor) and £0.7 million for travel & subsistence and other expenses (@ £1,515 per councillor). The maximum funding available will not vary irrespective of the recommendations of the Northern Ireland Councillors' Remuneration Panel and is set out below for each cluster:

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Cluster	Maximum available for councillor's basic allowances	Maximum available for travel & subsistence and other expenses
Antrim and Newtownabbey District (40)	£389,520	£60,600
Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon District (41)	£399,258	£62,115
Belfast District (60)	£584,280	£90,900
Causeway Coast and Glens District (40)	£389,520	£60,600
Derry and Strabane District (40)	£389,520	£60,600
Fermanagh and Omagh District (40)	£389,520	£60,600
Lisburn and Castlereagh District (40)	£389,520	£60,600
Mid and East Antrim District (40)	£389,520	£60,600
Mid Ulster District (40)	£389,520	£60,600
Newry, Mourne and Down District (41)	£399,258	£62,115
North Down and Ards District (40)	£389,520	£60,600
TOTAL	£4,498,956	£699,930

Guidance notes on reimbursement procedures will issue in due course.

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