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Affordable Warmth Scheme Payment to Local Councils 2017/2018

I am sure you are aware of that Executive's budget position for 2017/18 has not yet been finalised and that interim arrangements will be put in place to as far as possible maintain services. You will also understand that pre-existing budget commitments must be met as a priority and that entering into new commitments in the current environment of uncertainty is very difficult. However, the Department is acutely aware of the need to maintain 'business as usual' in the Affordable Warmth Scheme at the minimum viable level for the next three months. Given the level of uncertainty on budgets it has been agreed we will continue to fund local councils for the first three months of the incoming financial year at the same unit cost as that set in this financial year. In the period April to June (inclusive) we will require each local council to make 75 referrals. This will result in a payment of £13575 to each local council.

I hope this is helpful and I will update you when the capital position becomes clearer.



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