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AFFORDABLE WARMTH SCHEME FUNDING 2017/2018

Dear Senior Officials,

Department for Communities officials met with senior council officers on 8 June and discussed an indicative budget for the Affordable Warmth Scheme for 2017/2018. In anticipation of an increase to the Affordable Warmth Scheme budget through future monitoring rounds we will require councils to make the following pattern of referrals to Housing Executive Grant Offices over the year. The budget available to the Scheme may increase further as the year progresses. It is important to record with householders that acceptance of a referral does not represent a commitment to approve their application, and is subject to the required level of funding being available.

Period	Number of Referrals	Total Referrals
April to June	25 per month	75
July to September	40 per month	120
October to December	40 per month	120
January to March	30 per month	90
Total		405

This translates into a payment to councils of £73,305 for 405 referrals over the year based on a unit cost of £181 per referral. I hope this is helpful in allowing you to plan and manage the Scheme over the year.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin McDermott".

Martin McDermott (Head of Fuel Poverty & Private Sector Grants)