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Revised Local Government Finance Report 2020-2021 Police and Local Government

Dear Colleagues

I am writing to consult you formally on our proposed revised Local Government Finance Report for the current financial year. This will make a technical adjustment to the Local Government and Police Settlements for 2020-2021 by rebalancing the proportions of revenue support grant and NDR. The overall external aggregate finance will be unchanged at both the all Wales and individual authority/police level, i.e. no authority will lose or gain from this change.

Doing this will enable the Government to more effectively manage the deficit on the NDR account over a number of years. It will also ensure that we use the Covid specific and time limited funding we have available to respond to the impact of the pandemic.

I attach the draft revised LGFRs and tables which show the adjusted breakdown between NDR and RSG. If this action is taken there will be technical accounting adjustments for Welsh Government and for your organisation.

I should be grateful for any comment on the proposed action.

As this is a technical change this period of formal consultation is for a limited 1 week. I would be grateful if any response arrives no later than **11 March 2021**. All responses to this consultation should be sent to: Simon Edwards: LGFPSettlement@gov.wales. If you have concerns however and wish to discuss please do contact Emma Smith, Simon Edwards or me.

If necessary we will publish a summary of the responses. Normally, the name and address (or part of the address) of each respondent are published along with the response. If you do not wish to be identified as the author of your response, please ensure you state this explicitly in your response.

Copies of responses may be placed in the Welsh Government's library. If you wish your comments to remain confidential, please make this clear in your reply. This will be considered in light of our obligations under the Freedom of Information Act. The Welsh Government will consider all responses received by the due date before the final determination is made and published.

Yours sincerely

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