

Minute Item 7.(ii)



Department for Levelling Up,
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Dear Damian,

Thank you for your letter of 17 July to the Rt Hon Michael Gove MP about local government pay. I am replying as this matter falls within my ministerial responsibilities.

Thank you for letting me have sight of the motion passed by Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council with regards to pay which I have noted. As Councillors will be aware, detailed employment matters such as pay are for local authorities, as independent employers, to determine in negotiation with trade unions. It is the responsibility of employers to make an assessment of what is affordable within the overall available resources. The majority of Government funding is unringfenced in recognition of local authorities being best placed to understand local priorities and the government has made available significant resources for local government. The final Local Government Finance Settlement for 2023/24 makes available up to £59.7 billion for local government in England.

Yours sincerely,

LEE ROWLEY MP

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