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Dear Chief Executive/Finance Officer

**DE- RATING AND TRANSFERRED FUNCTIONS GRANT 2026/2027
INSTALMENTS TO BE PAID IN FINANCIAL YEAR 2026/2027**

1. The attached Annexes 1 and 2 reflect the instalments of De-rating (DRG) and Transferred Functions (TFG) Grants respectively which will be made quarterly throughout the 2026/27 financial year. The first instalment will be paid in April 2026, and the remaining instalments will be made at the start of each quarter in July 2026, October 2026 and January 2027.
2. The DRG payment does not reflect any settlement figures for DRG 2025/26. The settlement figures will not be confirmed until September/October this year when Actual Penny Products for the full 2025/26 financial year are audited. It is anticipated that settlements will then be paid alongside, or deducted from, the 2026/27 fourth instalment grant payment.
3. The amount for the TFG is net of the costs which councils are obliged to cover for the services of the Northern Ireland Public Services Ombudsman's Office.
4. Details on the Rates Support Grant (RSG) will follow as soon as the budget is agreed.

5. Should you need clarification about any of the figures, please do not hesitate to contact Ruth Dickson on 028 9051 5029 (ruth.dickson@communities-ni.gov.uk) or James McManus on 028 9037 8426 (james.mcmanus@communities-ni.gov.uk).

Yours faithfully

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