



Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee

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Dear Rob,

I write regarding changes to local government financing announced during the [Autumn Statement](#) on 22 November 2023. A day after the statement, it was [reported](#) by the Institute for Fiscal Studies that non-protected government departments in England face an annual cut of 3.4% over five years as a result of the plans laid out by the Chancellor, with local government among those "likely to suffer the most."

Given this is an area of current Committee interest, including with our current [inquiry](#) into financial distress in local authorities, **we would appreciate if you would be able to write to the Committee outlining your professional perspective on the impact of the Autumn Statement's provisions on local authority finances and accounting.**

The Committee will be putting questions to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, Michael Gove, on this topic on Wednesday 6th December. As such, **if you could get back to the Committee by end of day this Thursday, 30th November, that would be very much appreciated.** We acknowledge that this is short notice but would find a response from you invaluable to help inform our line of questioning ahead of this session.

Kind regards,

Clive Betts MP
Chair, Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee