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Dear Eilish

Motion - Anti-Poverty Strategy

I refer to your correspondence of 13 March 2024 to Minister Lyons in which you advised him of the motion passed by Council on 4th March 2024 relating to the Anti-Poverty Strategy. Your letter has been passed to me for reply.

Addressing poverty in all its forms is a key priority for Minister Lyons and he is committed to delivering long-term, sustainable solutions to poverty in all its forms for our communities right across Northern Ireland.

Poverty is a complex and multi-faceted issue, and the Minister is considering work to date and the next steps to be taken in relation to the development of the Executive's Anti-Poverty Strategy. He will be engaging with his Executive colleagues over the coming weeks and months to ensure that the Anti-Poverty Strategy is taken forward in the most effective way possible and that the actions in the Strategy are deliverable and can make a lasting difference.





As this is an Executive Strategy, we will be seeking input from all Ministers and their Departments.

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Minister Lyons is determined to deliver a Strategy that helps people get the best start in life, that they have the opportunity to live in safe, stable homes, to have a good education and a good job.

Final decisions on the content and implementation of the Anti-Poverty Strategy will be subject to Executive agreement.

I hope that you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Carl Savage Deputy Director Central Policy Division **Department for Communities**