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Dear Peter

TRANSITION COMMITTEES

I refer to your letter dated 5 December 2008 to Ian Maye in which you sought the Minister's agreement for Belfast City council's Strategic Policy and Resources Committee to act as the Council's Transition Committee and for the Transition Committee to consist of 20 members.

I am writing to advise you that the Minister has agreed to these requests.

As you will be aware, the funding package available to councils for transition work is outlined in Circular LG 19/08. Transition Committees that consist of more than 16 members will be entitled to claim member allowances and expenses for all members and also claim up to a maximum of £100,000 which is available towards change management /programme management work.

Yours sincerely

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