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AFFORDABLE WARMTH SCHEME FUNDING 2018/2019

Dear Senior Officials,

Department for Communities officials met with senior council officers on 25 May 2018 and discussed the budget for the Affordable Warmth Scheme for 2018/2019.

Previous referral volumes coupled with the higher average spend per household have led to a greater budget commitment into 2018/19 from last year therefore less referrals are required during this financial year.

Period	Number of Referrals	Total Referrals
April to May	25 per month	50
June to March	17 per month	170
Total		220

The Department recognises the need for a minimum level of funding to councils to ensure their participation in the Scheme and propose a unique funding arrangement for one year only. Each local Council will be paid £68,780 for the 220 referrals over the year and will undertake additional activities associated with the Affordable Warmth Scheme, which are to be decided at the Senior Official Workshop on 28th June 2018. This arrangement will cover the 2018/19 year only.

I hope this is helpful in allowing you to plan and manage the Scheme over the year.

Yours sincerely,



Martin McDermott