



CHAIRPERSON
Mr Bumper Graham

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Mr Adrian McCreesh
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Mid Ulster District Council
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22 February 2023

Dear Adrian

LOCAL GOVERNMENT STAFF COMMISSION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND CONTINUING OPERATIONS 2023/24

The Department for Communities has informed the Local Government Staff Commission (the Commission) that the provisional date for dissolution has been extended to 31 March 2025.

Consequently, in order to implement our statutory functions, it is necessary for the Commission to determine a Financial Scheme up to 31 March 2024.

Please note that whilst the Financial Scheme for 2023/24 directly reflects the 'winding down' position of the Commission, we continue to deliver the same range of statutory functions, plus incur the normal running costs of an Arm's Length Body.

In accordance with the 2023/24 Management and Dissolution Plan, the Commission has estimated its total financial requirement to be £417,742 for the year ahead. Income from ongoing operations, which is offset against this figure is estimated at £40,000, leaving an amount of £377,742 to be raised from District Councils and the NIHE.

You will be aware that in accordance with Schedule 3, paragraph 7 of the Local Government Act (NI) 1972, the budget for the operation of the Commission is to be apportioned between all District Councils and the NIHE.

By virtue of the apportionment arrangements Mid Ulster District Council is required to pay 5.2% of £377,742 namely £19,641.

Due to budgetary efficiencies made by the Commission the total Council contribution amount required for 2023/24 has decreased by £98,296. This is a 20.6% decrease year on year and is net of any projected increases resulting from higher levels of inflation. Individual Council contributions decreases range from 17% to 24%.

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For your Council this has resulted in a 17.43% decrease i.e. £4,146; £19,641 - £23,787 (2022-23). We will of course, continue to take every step to mitigate any future increases in costs between now and the formal dissolution of the Commission.

I would request that you issue a Purchase Order to the Commission for this amount, following receipt of which, an invoice will be submitted.

The Commission will be moving to new office accommodation from 03 April 2023 and I would ask you to note the new correspondence address:

Local Government Staff Commission for Northern Ireland
3rd Floor
St Annes House
15 Church Street
BELFAST
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If you have any queries in relation to the work of the Commission or the services provided or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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