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Dear Jonathan,

Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement

I attach for your information a letter sent yesterday to the Minister for local Government, the Rt Hon John Healey MP, in respect of the provisional local government finance settlement. You will see from the letter, which has cross party support, that the Council is facing severe financial pressure as a result of this settlement and, as a result, the services we provide to our community are under threat.

Following lengthy debate at the meeting of our Finance & Property Advisory Board on 2 January, I am writing to seek an urgent meeting with you in your capacity as Minister for the South East to discuss these issues. The Council hopes that you will be able to assist the Council in raising the profile of the issues we raise with appropriate Ministers and find a way forward which will avoid the need to penalise the residents we all serve.

I look forward to your urgent response.

Yours sincerely

Mark Worrall
Leader