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Dear Holly

Letter for Section 151 officers to send to the Secretary of State in respect of the council tax precept in 2017-18 and the 2017-18 allocation of the additional funding for social care provided at the Budget 2017

In reply to your letter of 5th April 2017 I am writing to confirm that Sunderland City Council has increased its council tax to fund adult social care services in 2017-18.

Sunderland City Council's council tax (Adult Social Care element) has increased by 3% in 2017-18.

I am also writing to certify that Sunderland City will use the additional 2017-18 funding for adult social care (as announced in the Spring Budget 2017) to fund adult social care services.

I have completed the table in the spreadsheet attached (*S151 Return*), comparing the changes in adult social care budgets (including overhead and running costs) with those of other non-ringfenced/non-statutory services, including and excluding precept and the additional Budget funding for adult social care.

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I certify that the authority will use the funding above 2% to improve the way social care services are delivered in my area, and have set out below how we propose to do so.

Within Sunderland a new Out of Hospital model had been created through the Vanguard programme. This brings together social care, health and third sector providers into Integrated Community Teams. Alongside this a new pathway for recovery at home services has been developed and a risk stratification tool adopted to target the top 3% consumers of health and social care in the City.

The Out of Hospital model has been started to deliver improvements in Delayed Transfers of Care However, to maintain this requires a maintenance of enhanced levels of social workers and therapists and a significant expansion of operating hours to ensure reablement, community equipment and intermediate care services operate 24/7.

The Out of Hospital model has also led to an increase in social care packages, both community based and in 24 hour care. In the longer term the value proposition will show further significant decreases in Hospital based care which will allow for the transfer of resource from Hospital to community. The increased monies will be used to support the increased level of social care packages in the community.

Yours sincerely



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