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Dear David Leadership Office

Thank you for your follow up letter of 8 April regarding your concerns about specific funding for Local Welfare Provision (LWP).

As previously mentioned in my letter of 20 March, the Government's position on LWP *remains the same*. However you may be interested to know that DWP circulated a letter on Wednesday 30 April to the Leaders of the Local Authorities (LA) in England, to inform them, that the review of LWP is now active. As part of the review DWP are asking the LAs to complete a short questionnaire about how they have used their existing allocations and to draw out examples of different approaches to LWP. They anticipate that this will demonstrate the innovation and variety of partnerships that have been developed by councils to deliver support in their areas, and facilitate the sharing of good practice. The outcomes of this review will be included in a report to be made available for all LAs in the Autumn.

Rather than setting up a roundtable to discuss this, as you suggest in your letter, I would recommend you send any thoughts and suggestions you have directly to DWP so they can help inform the review.

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