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The Rt Hon Sir George Howarth MP  
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Dear Sir George,

Thank you for your email of 23 March to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) enclosing correspondence from your constituents about local authority funding. Your email has been passed to HM Treasury and I am replying as the Minister responsible for public spending.

Local authorities play an essential role in the fabric of our country – providing services which we all rely on and supporting some of the most vulnerable people in our communities. At Spending Review 2021, the Government set out that local authorities in England will receive £4.8 billion of new grant funding between 2022-23 and 2024-25, the largest annual increases in core funding for local authorities in over a decade. However, the Government recognises that inflation is higher than it was when these budgets were set and is committed to supporting local authorities to deliver high-quality public services.

At the Autumn Statement on 17 November 2022, the Chancellor announced an historic increase in funding for social care, making available an additional £2.8 billion in 2023-24 and £4.7 billion in 2024-25. This includes £1 billion of new grant funding in 2023-24 and £1.7 billion in 2024-25, further flexibility on council tax, and savings from delaying the rollout of adult social care charging reforms.

The 2023-24 Local Government Finance Settlement published by DLUHC confirms that local authorities will see a 9 per cent increase in Core Spending Power in total, making available almost £5 billion in additional resources, demonstrating how the Government stands behind local authorities up and down the country.

Please pass on my thanks to your constituents for taking the trouble to make me aware of these concerns. I hope the Autumn Statement and Local Government Finance Settlement provide reassurance on the Government's commitment to supporting the delivery of high-quality public services.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads 'John P. Glen'.

THE RT HON JOHN GLEN MP