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Dear Chief Executives

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Performance Improvement in Local Government 2020/21

The Department understands the pressure currently being expressed by councils in relation to statutory performance improvement duties for the coming months/year, consequently we have been looking at the overall legal context and have been in discussion with the Northern Ireland Audit Office to decide the way forward for 20/21.

Paragraph 45 of the current guidance for Local Government Performance Improvement (Local Government Circular 21/2016) states the suggested date for councils to publish their Improvement plan is by the end of June. The Department understands that, due to current circumstances, councils will have difficulty meeting this deadline. Therefore, it does not expect councils to publish a performance plan by 30 June 2020 for the current financial year.

The Department will be in touch with all stakeholders in the very near future to review Performance Improvement requirements over the next 2 years.

Yours sincerely



Anthony Carleton