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Chief Executive
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Our Ref: 36/01/10
Your Ref:

Dear Rob

PLANNING ADVISORY SERVICE FUNDING FOR 2011

I am writing to confirm that the Government welcomes the work that the Planning Advisory Service (PAS) has done to improve efficiency in local authority planning services and sees a key role for them helping to deliver the Government's planning reform agenda.

I am pleased therefore to confirm that Ministers have agreed to provide funding of £3m to PAS for 2011/12. Funding in future years will be subject to agreement but we expect this to decline to £2m by the end of the spending review period in 2014/15. The funding is subject to agreement on the business plan that is currently being drafted.

I expect to be able to finalise full details and then to send you a formal grant offer letter early next month.

Copies of this letter go to Ian Woolford and Alice Lester.

Yours sincerely



David Morris
Head of Planning Development Plans