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*Dear Councillors,*

Thank you for your letter of 31 January to David Mowat MP about the funding of adult social care. I have been asked to reply and I apologise for the delay in so doing.

I appreciate the time you have taken to write on this matter. I am very aware of the pressures on adult social care and the impact this has on overall council budgets and I know that your council, like many across the country, has worked hard to find efficiencies and deal with these pressures. I also know that we have a lot more to do to ensure that the NHS and local authorities provide a seamless and joined up service to vulnerable people.

The Government has already taken several steps during this Parliament to help secure a strong and sustainable social care system. Most recently on Wednesday 8 March the Chancellor announced that councils will receive an additional £2 billion over the next three years for social care; with £1 billion of this to be provided in 2017-18. Of this Kirklees will receive £8,258,779 in 2017-18, £5,297,822 in 2018-19 and £2,627,812 in 2019-20, on top of the flexibility it has to use the adult social care precept and the improved Better Care Fund money announced at Spending Review 2015.

Taken together with the steps announced as part of the Local Government Finance Settlement, this means that councils will have access to £9.25 billion more dedicated funding for social care over the next three years, as a result of measures introduced by the Government since 2015.

In the longer term, the Government is committed to establishing a fair and more sustainable basis for adult social care, in the face of future demographic challenges. We will set out proposals in a green paper to put the system on a more secure and sustainable long term footing.

*Your sincerely,*

*Marcus Jones*

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