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Dear Ian Swift,

**Discretionary Housing Payments**

Thank you for your letter of 14 August 29013 requesting a Direction under the powers conferred by section 87 of and item 9 of Part I and item 10 Part II of Schedule 4 to the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

I attach a draft direction under the Item 9 Credit and Item 10 Debit permitting the transfer of resources between the HRA and the General Fund for the purposes of making Discretionary Housing Payments to tenants living in the council's own housing stock, particularly where those tenants are adversely affected by the removal of the Spare Room Subsidy pursuant to regulation B13 of the Housing Benefit Regulations 2006 (as amended).

I should be grateful if you would confirm in writing that the council is content with the wording of the draft direction and I shall arrange for a final direction to be issued accordingly. The final direction will apply for the current financial year only, but the Department intends to review the effectiveness of the measure at the end of the year and will look sympathetically at applications to extend the direction in due course.

Yours sincerely,

**Cynthia Brathwaite**