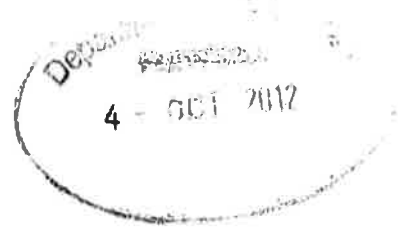


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Dear Mr Tiller

LOCALISATION OF COUNCIL TAX

The Corporate Management Board met last month and discussed The Local Government Finance Bill making provision for the localisation of council tax support in England by imposing a duty on billing authorities to make a localised council tax reduction scheme by 31 January 2013.

The Board was provided with:

- the Wiltshire Council detailed report on Council Tax Support and Technical Changes together with the Background Papers (Financial models analysing impact of Option 1, 3 and 4) which had been prepared for Wiltshire Council's meeting on 19th July 2012; and
- the Consultation Council Tax Support Scheme report taken to Swindon Borough Council on 15th August 2012.

The Board understood and accepted the position taken by both local authorities, noting the difference with regard to child benefit being included as an income source for Swindon but not for Wiltshire.

The Board asked me to write to both Swindon Borough Council and Wiltshire Council informing them of this stance, and pointing out the variance between the two schemes.

Should you require further information from Wiltshire Police Authority, Wiltshire Police or, in due course, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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