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I have set out below a short note of our telecom with Moray Council on 16 January.

- The telecom had been set up with the Moray Council Executive Team, led by the Chief Executive Roddy Burns as part of a fact finding exercise to gain a greater understanding of the financial challenges the council were facing in the 2019-20 Budget round.
- The council explained a cross-party group had been set up to consider a range of innovative savings measures that will create flexibility for their budget.
- A significant challenge the council were facing in making transformational change was the affordability of severance payments which are high in the short term before pay savings are realised down the line.
- When asked about consent to borrow to meet some of these severance costs we confirmed there was currently no facility open to the Scottish Government and this would require the consent of HM Treasury which was unlikely to be forthcoming without a negative impact on the Scottish Government's Budget.

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