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Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; 
[REDACTED]@gov.scot>  
Subject: RE: D&G / SG update  
Sensitivity: Confidential

[REDACTED]

It doesn’t look like that slot will work now. I’ve asked [REDACTED]’s PA, [REDACTED], to look for alternative slots

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@dumgal.gov.uk] On Behalf Of [REDACTED]  
Sent: 30 April 2018 15:00  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: D&G / SG update  
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[REDACTED], thanks for getting back to me. Can we go for Wednesday, 6 June at 10.30 am.

Please advise if this would be suitable.

Thanks.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot>  
Sent: 19 April 2018 17:10  
To: [REDACTED]@dumgal.gov.uk>  
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[REDACTED]

Sorry for the delay. The 6th of June looks like the first time we can get the key folk in the room.

If I am not on Jury duty then I will attend. Otherwise it will be [REDACTED].

Can you let me know if the day suits and when we should start given your travel?

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Hi [REDACTED]


Regards

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Sent: 12 June 2018 14:01
To: [REDACTED] @gov.scot
CC: [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: Scottish Government Review of PFI Papers

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Sent: 24 August 2017 13:54
To: [REDACTED] @dumgal.gov.uk
Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Scottish Government Review of PFI Papers

[REDACTED]

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Making Things Last - Scotland’s First Circular Economy Strategy
From: [REDACTED]@dumgal.gov.uk
Sent: 26 July 2018 09:10
To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@dumgal.gov.uk; [REDACTED]@dumgal.gov.uk; [REDACTED]@dumgal.gov.uk
Subject: Re: Meeting on Tuesday

[REDACTED], not at this stage. In Glasgow today to meet all parties, will advise further after today, regards [REDACTED].

Sent from my iPhone

On 26 Jul 2018, at 08:57, "[REDACTED]@gov.scot" wrote:

[REDACTED]

Are there any papers to share with us ahead of Tuesday’s meeting?

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
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Subject: Meeting with Scottish Government 31 July 2018

[REDACTED], due to the tight timescales between Thursday, 26 July 2018 and our meeting tomorrow, it has not been possible to provide detailed papers however I attach a synopsis of how things have changed since we last met in advance of the meeting tomorrow to share with your colleagues.

Regards.

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Making Things Last - Scotland's First Circular Economy Strategy
Thanks [REDACTED]. We managed to track it down from our end and are considering the implications of it. I’ll get back to you as soon as I can.

Don McGillivray

Deputy Director: Environmental Quality and Circular Economy
Environment and Forestry Directorate
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Tel: [REDACTED] Mobile: [REDACTED]

Don, following our discussion last evening, I attach the email I referred to dated 24 August 2017, 13:45, and the response from DGC dated 12 June 2018, 14:01. I believe there is no doubt that Scottish Government officials confirmed that all SWF would continue to be provided. This evidence was accepted by our Council and used in its decision making processes to enter into a negotiated Termination of the PFI Contract. On that basis, our Council expects the Scottish Government to continue this funding.

Regards

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Deputy Director: Environmental Quality and Circular Economy
Environment and Forestry Directorate
Scottish Government
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Edinburgh EH6 6QQ
Tel: [REDACTED] Mobile: [REDACTED]
19 December 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

Strategic Waste Fund (SWF) Support For Waste Services In Dumfries and Galloway: Post-PFI Arrangements

I refer to our recent correspondence and conversations concerning current and future Scottish Government funding for Dumfries and Galloway Council’s waste services, following the recent termination of Dumfries and Galloway Council’s waste services contract with Renewi PLC; and specifically your request dated 24 August 2018 for

- continuation of level playing field support and insurance shortfall support, to support delivery of the service
- additional financial assistance from the Scottish Government to meet a potential annual shortfall of £1.277 million which you indicated will result from moving to an inhouse solution for waste and recycling services.

In relation to the first point, I can confirm that Scottish Government is not in a position to continue level playing field and insurance shortfall support because these payments are linked to the financial structure of the PFI, which has been terminated. These payments will cease with effect from 2019-20. As a gesture of goodwill and to enable transition, any payments in respect of 2018-19 will not be recovered.

In relation to the request for additional financial assistance, we recognise the challenges the Council is facing and are keen to continue to work with you to identify appropriate solutions. We are receptive, in principle, to sharing some of the capital costs of ending the PFI contract, in order to support the strategic development of local waste and recycling services; and are prepared, in principle, to consider a capital contribution in 2018-19.
As you are aware we have been considering your request for additional financial support in the context of overall Scottish Government funding provided to the Council to support strategic household waste services, including strategic waste funding. Having reviewed these wider funding streams, we note that another Strategic Waste Fund (SWF) grant of approximately £3.2m per annum appears to be linked to waste services delivered via the PFI arrangement. There are therefore potentially significant implications for the Scottish Government budget of continuing this payment in its current form, given the rules around capitalisation we have discussed previously. We recognise the significant financial impact that any change to this Strategic Waste Fund grant would have on DGC funding for waste services. We also acknowledge that assurances had previously been given regarding this grant that were based on an incomplete understanding of the position.

Given the above set of circumstances, I believe that a further dialogue would be appropriate to agree:

- an approach to sharing some of the capital costs of ending the PFI contract in order to support more strategic development of local waste and recycling services; and
- a transition plan for the £3.2m per annum grant.

To aid discussions, ahead of our meeting I would invite you to set out:

- the capital costs of buying out the PFI and a proposal for how the Scottish Government and DGC might reasonably share these costs in 2018-19
- a transition plan for the £3.2m grant, potentially over a period of years. This will need to be based on wider strategic development of the council’s waste service as any link to the activities previously funded under the PFI is likely to run into the same capitalisation issues in the Scottish Government budget we have discussed previously. This transition plan will need to take us in a direction where, over time, SWF grants to DGC are more in line with those provided to other local authorities with an in-house waste management service.

We have not adjusted the settlement for 2019-20 in relation to the £3.2m pending the outcome of these discussions.

We remain committed to finding mutually acceptable solutions that can ensure sustainable services going forward and enable Dumfries and Galloway Council to meet its obligations in respect of the provision of household waste services.

We appreciate the urgency of this matter and I will be in touch to arrange a date to meet at your earliest convenience.

Yours Sincerely

Don McGillivray
Deputy Director
From [Redacted]<@dumgal.gov.uk> On Behalf Of [Redacted]
Sent: 24 December 2018 12:19
To: [Redacted]<@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Letter

Hi [Redacted] please find attached letter from [Redacted]

Best wishes for the festive period.

Regards

[Redacted]

From: Don McGillivray <Don.McGillivray@gov.scot>
Sent: 19 December 2018 17:28
To: [Redacted] <@dumgal.gov.uk>
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Letter

[Redacted]

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STRATEGIC WASTE FUND (SWF) SUPPORT FOR WASTE SERVICES IN DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY POST-PFI ARRANGEMENTS

Thank you for your letter dated 19 December 2018, the contents of which are noted.

The Council remains deeply concerned about any changes to its funding streams from the Scottish Government to support its waste services.

I confirm the dates of the meetings that have been arranged on 17 and 25 January 2019 when the issues you have explained in your letter will be discussed. It is essential that a solution is found to these issues so that this Council is not prejudiced in the delivery of its waste services following the previous undertakings the Scottish Government provided regarding support funding.

I look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Yours sincerely

[Redacted]
Director Economy, Environment and Infrastructure

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Cc: [REDACTED]@dumgal.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]@dumgal.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>
Subject: SG/DGC Meeting Scheduled for Thursday 17 Jan 19

I have just tried to phone you in relation to the meeting currently scheduled in our diaries for 1300hrs on Thursday 17 Jan 19 to discuss Scottish Government funding of the Council’s former Waste PFI services.

I regret to inform you that the DGC Officers scheduled to attend this meeting shall now not be able to attend due to staff availability issues during [REDACTED]’s leave.

I would appreciate it if we could reschedule this meeting for a date following [REDACTED]’s return from leave on the 21 Jan 19 and I note that in [REDACTED]’s letter of 24 Dec 18 to you that a second meeting between us was programmed for Friday 25 Jan 19.

[REDACTED] has a meeting in the morning of Friday 25 Jan 19 in Edinburgh and I would be grateful if we could re-schedule our meeting with you to the afternoon of this date.

I look forward to hearing from you concerning the suitability of this revised meeting date/time.

Regards

[REDACTED]

Dumfries and Galloway Council t:
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Sent: 08 February 2019 13:31
To: [REDACTED] @gov.scot>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Meeting on 30 January 2019

Many thanks [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] @gov.scot>
Sent: 08 February 2019 11:27
To: [REDACTED] @dumgal.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Meeting on 30 January 2019

[REDACTED]

I have checked in with them and know they are working on it – they hope to get back to you early next week.

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From[REDACTED] On Behalf Of [REDACTED]

Sent: 04 February 2019 10:48
To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Meeting on 30 January 2019

[REDACTED], time has passed so quickly since we met last Wednesday. I was not able to catch up with you later in the afternoon but, once again, thank you for arranging the meeting. We will address the workstreams you requested.

I wonder if you can chase up the questions that your finance colleagues ([REDACTED] ) had undertaken to pass on to us so we can complete this work as soon as possible.

Many thanks.

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Colleagues

I haven’t yet read this but we’ll need to move quickly if this is to be resolved before the end of the FY.

[REDACTED]

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I trust this meets with your expectations and should you have any questions in relation to the contents, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Regards

[REDACTED]

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Here are the questions that finance colleagues have sent over.

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Many thanks
[REDACTED], time has passed so quickly since we met last Wednesday. I was not able to catch up with you later in the afternoon but, once again, thank you for arranging the meeting. We will address the workstreams you requested.

I wonder if you can chase up the questions that your finance colleagues ([REDACTED] and [REDACTED]) had undertaken to pass on to us so we can complete this work as soon as possible.

Many thanks.
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Sent: 20 March 2019 11:31
To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; >
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Dumfries and Galloway Council Waste Management Paper
Importance: High
Sensitivity: Confidential

[REDACTED], further to our discussions I have pleasure in attaching a supplementary paper that sets out the Council’s objectives and key deliverables currently being developed to support and deliver the strategic development of our waste and recycling services post the PFI contract.

I trust this meets your requirements and should you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact either myself or [REDACTED].

Regards

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Dear [REDACTED]

DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY WASTE SERVICES – CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION

I refer to our recent correspondence and conversations concerning current and future Scottish Government funding for Dumfries and Galloway Council’s waste services, following the recent termination of Dumfries and Galloway Council’s waste services contract with Renewi PLC; and specifically your letters dated 8 and 20 March which:

- provided proposals for transitional funding to assist the Council to meet costs incurred as a consequence of the termination of the previous PFI arrangement; and
- set out the Council’s objectives and key deliverables currently being developed to support and deliver the strategic development of waste and recycling services, post PFI exit.

Further to our telephone discussion on 26 March, I can confirm that Scottish Ministers have agreed to make a one off capital payment of £6 million to Dumfries and Galloway Council to help the Council meet the capital costs referred to above.

In approving the one-off payment, Scottish Ministers have noted that the measures taken in cancelling the PFI and transferring the assets to the council provides the Council with a much stronger basis to reconfigure services to meet current and future waste policy requirements, notably:
• Roll-out of kerbside dry recyclate and food waste collection services across the region which will increase recycling figures and ensure that the Council complies with statutory requirements set out in Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2012;
• Investment in former PFI service assets, household waste recycling centres and glass collection centres to maximise recycling performance; and
• Investment in the Ecodeco asset to increase diversion of waste from landfill.

Scottish Ministers have also noted that the ongoing service review process will be focusing on these deliverables, including assisting the Council in complying with the forthcoming biodegradable municipal waste to landfill ban.

I would reiterate that this capital payment offer is not compensation for loss of annual payments received by Dumfries and Galloway Council in relation to the PFI contract that was previously in place. This is a discretionary, one off payment by Scottish Ministers and should not be considered as a future entitlement.

As agreed at our recent meeting, we will resolve separately the issue of future Scottish Government revenue support to Dumfries and Galloway Council for strategic waste services, taking account of the outcome of the Council’s ongoing review and redesign of its approach to the delivery of waste collection, recycling, treatment and disposal services.

If you have any queries on this letter, please contact [REDACTED] in the first instance. [REDACTED] will be in touch separately regarding payment arrangements.

Yours sincerely

DON MCGILLIVRAY
Deputy Director

Victoria Quay, Edinburgh  EH6 6QQ www.gov.scot
Good morning [REDACTED],

Finance colleagues have been making arrangements for this and my understanding is that a revised capital consent letter will be issued to Dumfries and Galloway Council shortly and on return of the revised consent letter the £6 million will be included in the May payment (circa 14 May).

My colleague [REDACTED] will continue to keep in touch with [REDACTED] in your finance team and is happy to continue to act as an initial point of contact.

I hope that clarifies.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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I refer to the Scottish Government capital contribution advised to the Council in the letter from [REDACTED] dated 29 Mar 19 attached.

I checked with my Finance colleagues last week and established that the transfer of the capital contribution had not yet been made.

I would be grateful if you could advise if you require any further information from the Council to facilitate this payment.
Thanks

Regards

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Please see attached latter as previously discussed. Apologies for the delay in getting this out.

[REDACTED]

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Dear Sirs

GENERAL CAPITAL GRANT 2019-20 - GRANT ACCEPTANCE

On behalf of Dumfries and Galloway Council I accept the revised offer of grant from the Scottish Ministers dated 17 April 2019 on the terms and conditions as set out in the letter and annexed Schedules.

Signature: ********

Finance and Procurement

Yours Sincerely

Finance and Procurement
From: [REDACTED]@dumgal.gov.uk> On Behalf Of [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 April 2019 16:44
To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: EXTERNAL: Dumfries and Galloway 2018-19 General Capital Grant

Good Afternoon,
Please see attached
Regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Economy and Resources
Tel: [REDACTED] or Internal [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]@dumgal.gov.uk

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>
Sent: 17 April 2019 15:47
To: [REDACTED]@dumgal.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]@dumgal.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]@dumgal.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot;
[REDACTED]@gov.scot
Subject: EXTERNAL: Dumfries and Galloway 2018-19 General Capital Grant
Importance: High

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Dear [REDACTED],

With reference to the attached correspondence sent to your colleague [REDACTED] on 29 March, please find attached a revised General Capital Grant offer in respect of 2018-19.

Dumfries and Galloway will receive an additional £6 million one off capital payment to help the Council meet costs in respect of infrastructure needed to meet waste policy requirements and support the strategic development of local waste and recycling services, following the termination of its previous PFI arrangement.

As per the attached correspondence, the payment will be made in financial year 2019-20 on an accruals basis for financial year 2018-19.

In order that we can include this amount in our May capital payment and accrue into 2018-19, I would appreciate if you could return page 5 (acceptance) of the offer by 2 May.

If you have any queries please don’t hesitate to get in touch.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Please note that I work on a flexible working pattern and am not in the office on a Monday.
From: [REDACTED]@dumgal.gov.uk>
Sent: 14 May 2019 13:31
To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot>
Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Dumfries

[REDACTED]

Further to my email below please note the Depute Leader of the Council this morning has issued the attached response to Finlay Carson’s press release.

Regards

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 14 May 2019 09:02
To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot>
Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Dumfries

[REDACTED]

As discussed this morning please find attached for your information a copy of today’s Economy, Environment and Infrastructure Committee report on the development of the Council’s Waste Services.

I will also forward a copy of the media responses issued by the Council in the past few days as requested.

With respect to the response to the press release from Finlay Carson MSP I understand that this was not an Officer response but a response from the Council’s Administration and I have requested a copy so that I can forward you that as well.
Regards

[REDACTED]
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To: [REDACTED]@dumgal.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]@dumgal.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>

[REDACTED], [REDACTED] – thanks again for the helpful call last week and it was good to see [REDACTED] briefly at the SOLACE session.

I am following up to gauge when we might receive a copy of the requested paper setting out Dumfries & Galloway Council’s proposals for a transition plan. To recap the request reflects the initial brief set out in [REDACTED]’s letter of December 2018, ie “a transition plan for the current £3.2m grant, potentially over a period of years. This will need to be based on wider strategic development of the council’s waste service as any link to the activities previously funded under the PFI is likely to run into the same capitalisation issues in the Scottish Government budget we have discussed previously. This transition plan will need to take us in a direction where, over time, SWF grants to DGC are more in line with those provided to other local authorities with an in-house waste management service.”

Happy to discuss any queries and otherwise I look forward to receiving your paper.

Regards,

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Cc: [REDACTED]@dumgal.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: EXTERNAL: Letters as referred to this morning

Thank you both for the call today.

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Drop Point: 351
www.dumgal.gov.uk
From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot>
Sent: 22 August 2019 11:38
To: [REDACTED]@dumgal.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]@dumgal.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Subject: EXTERNAL: Letters as referred to this morning
Importance: High

As discussed, for ease of reference, here’s the letters that [REDACTED] was referring to earlier.

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Good afternoon [REDACTED]

We are scheduled to speak 11:30-12:30 but happy to extend until 1pm if that’s good for you.

Papers – available on our website at the following links, but attached for your convenience


I don’t have a copy of the paper that we are due to take to out Finance Committee on 10 September in a suitable format for sharing yet (working on it now!)

Best regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Sent: 16 August 2019 13:23
To: [REDACTED]@dumgal.gov.uk>

Thanks for this [REDACTED]. For ease, could you resend relevant Committee paper. If you think time is too short, suggest we extend to eg 1230?

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@dumgal.gov.uk>
Sent: 16 August 2019 12:38
To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot>
Cc: [REDACTED]@dumgal.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED]@gov.scot>

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

The thrust of the conversation really needs to be around the potential for the continuation of the current funding from Scottish Government. If we were to suggest questions, perhaps the following:

- Can you confirm we can continue to get the £3.2M on the proviso that we continue to update you on our operating costs?
- Do Scottish Government have any questions on our proposed Committee paper setting our operating and investment costs against our budget?
- What other information do Scottish Government require to achieve their continued funding support to enable us to deliver a code compliant service?

I think there would also be merit in updating you and/or your team on the papers we have taken on our proposed new service and the outline of the paper to be taken in September to our Finance Committee. Given we only have an hour for the call, I’d be happy to perhaps talk through our approach with one of your team beforehand if that would be beneficial. I can be contacted at any time on the number below.

Have a good weekend

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Good morning [REDACTED]

Thanks for getting back to me. Thursday (22nd) morning works for [REDACTED] and me. Please just send a meeting request for the time that suits you best.

I’ll forward further information / questions as requested.

Regards

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], apologies for the delay getting back to you. Would any of the following dates suits – Wed 21 (preferably after 1pm) or Thurs 22 August, anytime after 10am. It would be helpful if you could frame and email specific questions in advance, ideally by end of this week.

Could you please copy in my colleague [REDACTED] to your replies on availability and [REDACTED] could you then finalise plans and co-ordinate dial in arrangements. Many thanks.

[REDACTED]
Good afternoon [REDACTED]

We haven’t met before, or had discussions, but I am currently leading on the new waste strategy development for Dumfries and Galloway Council on the direction of my Head of Service, [REDACTED] who I understand you have dealt with on a number of occasions.

Having taken papers to my service committee in May and July we are due to take a paper to our Finance Committee on 10 September 2019. This will set out, as far as possible, the costs for delivery of the new waste collection service, treatment and disposal, following the termination of the Waste PFI Contract.

In order to assist in compilation of this report I would very much welcome the opportunity for [REDACTED] and I to have a telephone conversation with you at your earliest convenience to better understand the Scottish Government funding support. In this regard if this would be acceptable to you, I would be obliged if you could provide some suitable times.

For your fullest information, links for the reports:
2 July report: https://dumfriesgalloway.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=151&MId=4474&Ver=4 (report 5)

In the meantime should you wish to discuss any matter further you can contact me on [REDACTED].

Best regards

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Many thanks for the paper [REDACTED], which I have reviewed.

[REDACTED]

I think it would be helpful to have an early discussion on how we progress discussions – might you be available for on Tuesday or Wednesday of next week, sometime between 1-3pm? Alternatively, if that doesn’t suit then tomorrow morning may be possible.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Subject: Dumfries and Galloway Council Waste Strategy Development

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I refer to our recent discussions concerning the continued financial assistance from Scottish Government following the termination of the Dumfries and Galloway Waste Management / Recycling PFI Contract and enclose as requested our paper on the need for the continuation of Strategic Waste Fund 2 support from Scottish Government.

I also attach a copy of the Committee report referenced within the attached paper that will be considered by our Finance, Procurement and Transformation Committee this morning and we will provide you with details of their decisions.

Regards

[REDACTED]
From: [REDACTED]@dumgal.gov.uk>
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Cc: [REDACTED]@dumgal.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]@dumgal.gov.uk>
Subject: Possible DGC Waste Service Efficiency Savings

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[REDACTED]

As discussed during our conference call on the 03 Oct 19 please find attached my notes on possible DGC Waste Service Efficiency Savings.

Regards

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In advance of our conference call with Scottish Government on Friday please find attached my proposed paper for submission to them as they requested.

The paper sets out possible waste service efficiency savings to inform our discussions with them on the level of SWF2 for 2021/22 and 2022/23.

Let me know if you have any edits before I email to them late tomorrow afternoon.

Thanks

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