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Ms Somerville will wish to be aware that the Poverty and Inequality Commission intends to send her the attached briefing paper tomorrow, which they will also publish on their website. I've copied to Ms Campbell's office for awareness in relation to the forthcoming statement and debate and to [redacted –s.38(1)(b)] for NRPF interests.

The key recommendations are that we should:

1. Provide more money to local authorities for administration and require them to improve publicity for the Fund.
2. Set standards in legislation for local authorities around publicising of the fund, staff training and application methods.
3. Set minimum award amounts for Crisis Grants and take a cash-first approach.
4. Improve our monitoring and evaluation of the Fund and require local authorities to provide standardised data to support this.
5. Work with CoSLA to develop a national policy on the provision of support to those with no recourse to public funds through local authorities.

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Dear all,

Please find attached a briefing from the Poverty and Inequality Commission on the role of the SWF during the pandemic. The Commission has analysed the data provided and worked with third sector organisations to develop a set of recommendations that it believes will lead to more effective use of the SWF.

The briefing will be sent to the Cabinet Secretary for Social Security on Friday along with a letter. It will then be published on our website on Monday 31 August.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss.

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