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Subject: MTFs meetings - Multi-Year Envelopes and RSR update

Private Office,

We have a meeting with DFM scheduled for Wednesday 3 May with two items on the agenda:

- 1) Options to refresh multi-year envelopes
- 2) Resource Spending Review update

Papers for both items are attached. Our discussion on these items will inform the fiscal strategy chapter of the MTFs.

Officials attending the meeting on Wednesday will be Alison Cumming, Nuala Gormley, [redacted under s.38(1)(b)], [redacted under s.38(1)(b)], and [redacted under s.38(1)(b)].

Thanks

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DFMPO,

On behalf of [redacted under s.38(1)(b)], please see below for two read outs of recent meetings on the MTFS / spending for DFM's approval.

Kind regards,

[redacted under s.38(1)(b)]

03/05/2023 MTFS – Refresh of Spending Envelopes and RSR Annex

DFM, Callum McCaig, [redacted under s.38(1)(b)], Alison Cumming, Jennie Barugh, Kat White, Nuala Gormley, [redacted under s.38(1)(b)], [redacted under s.38(1)(b)], [redacted under s.38(1)(b)], [redacted under s.38(1)(b)], [redacted under s.38(1)(b)]

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RSR Progress Update: Annex to MTFS

- Officials outlined the proposal to publish an annex to the MTFS setting out progress on RSR commitments, including resetting these where appropriate.
- It was noted that this progress update would also form part of the engagement with the FPAC Public Service Reform Inquiry.
- Work is ongoing in relation to future reporting, both internal and external, with ET discussions scheduled on this.
- DFM agreed to the publication of an annex to the MTFS, and highlighted the importance of transparency in relation to where future updates will be provided, particularly where this will not be through RSR reporting.

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Subject: RE: IMMEDIATE - Cabinet paper on Scotland's Public Finances

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Thanks Matthew,

DFM is content for her part.

Kind regards,

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See attached an updated paper, reflecting DfM's steer to include a bullet on public service reform.

I have also attached a speaking note to accompany this paper.

Thanks,
Matt

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DG Exchequer: Fiscal Policy and Constitution

Attachments: [redacted under s.29(1)(a) and s.30(b)(i)]

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Subject: RE: DFM Briefing Request - Public Sector Workforce Cut

Hi [redacted under s.38(1)(b)]

Sorry for the delay in getting back to you.

DFM has noted and would like a regular update on headcount numbers and trends across public bodies, commenting sponsor teams need to be very clear that growth should be the exception for clearly understood evidenced purposes.

Grateful if the appropriate steps could be put in place to ensure the regular update above is received.

Many thanks,
[redacted under s.38(1)(b)]

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Subject: RE: DFM Briefing Request - Public Sector Workforce Cut

Good afternoon [redacted under s.38(1)(b)]

With apologies for the delay and with thanks to colleagues for contributions, please see attached DFM Briefing request on Public Sector Workforce, which includes background on the pre-covid workforce reduction target set in the RSR and the programme for public service reform.

Please let me know should DFM require anything further.

Many thanks, [redacted under s.38(1)(b)]

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