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No One Left Behind Budget Release

Dear Ariane,

I am writing to confirm that the Scottish Government has approved the release of the full employability budget allocation of up to £90m for 2024/25. We recognise the significant contribution employability makes on the wider ambition to eradicate child poverty. Updated Grant Offer Letters will be issued shortly to all 32 local authorities.

Funding to local authorities through the No One Left Behind approach creates significant flexibility for Local Employability Partnerships to design and deliver support which meets the needs of users and labour markets in their areas. A portion of this funding is protected for parental employability support, given its significance in helping parents to increase their income.

The Scottish Budget also sets out a commitment to consider future multi-year funding arrangements. Officials will continue working to determine the detail underpinning this commitment in the coming months.

I hope you and your committee find this update helpful.

Yours sincerely

TOM ARTHUR

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