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Leaders of County and County Borough Councils in Wales

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Chief Executives and Directors of Finance  
County and County Borough Councils in Wales

Chief Executive and Director of Finance  
Welsh Local Government Association

2 March 2016

Dear all,

### **Final Local Government Revenue and Capital Settlements for 2016-17**

Today I am announcing details of the Final Local Government Revenue and Capital Settlements for 2016-17 for Local Authorities in Wales through a Cabinet Written Statement. This is attached for your information.

Full details of the Settlement are being published on the Welsh Government website. This information, together with the details I am making available on the Revenue and Capital Grants to be provided to Local Government, gives you the information you need to confirm your Budgets and Council Tax levels for 2016-17.

I have carefully considered the responses to the consultation on the Provisional Settlement before determining the Final Settlement. The responses did not identify any matters which required a change of approach for the Final Settlement.


Consequently, the Final Settlement is unchanged from the Updated Provisional Settlement which I announced on 10 February.

Within the Settlement, unhypothecated revenue funding for 2016-17 amounts to **£4.102 billion** – slightly higher than the amount I announced in December. The funding announced today represents a decrease of 1.3% (£54 million) from 2015-16, after adjusting for transfers into the Settlement.

I am also publishing on our website the latest available information on planned revenue and capital grants to Local Authorities for 2016-17. This provides a detailed picture of the funding from the Welsh Government for Local Government.

I will now proceed to lay the *Local Government Finance Report No 1* for 2016-17 for debate in the Assembly on 9 March 2016.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Leighton Andrews". The signature is written in a cursive style. Below the signature is a long, thin horizontal line that tapers to an arrowhead on the right side.

**Leighton Andrews AC / AM**  
Y Gweinidog Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus  
Minister for Public Services