

When I have finalised decisions about the work programme for 2015/16 my Officials will inform the relevant stakeholders, including Councils. For my part I will continue to engage with Councillors and their Officials to allow meaningful discussion and to address areas of concern. This engagement process has proven useful thus far and I expect to have met with all remaining Councils in the coming weeks.

Going forward I fully expect the good relationships between my Department and Local Government to continue to develop particularly in the area of community planning which Councils are leading on. I have established a community planning group in my Department and Sharron Carlin, who will be your single point of contact for community planning, will contact you shortly to arrange a meeting to discuss how we can best work with you in this area.

I am copying this letter to the representative bodies of Council Chief Executives and Local Government representatives, SOLACE and NILGA, and to Ministers Durkan and Hamilton. I would be grateful if you would ensure Presiding Councillors and deputy Presiding Councillors are made aware of its content.

Yours sincerely



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Minister for Social Development

Allocations to Councils from April 2016

	Tackling Disadvantage Component			Physical Regeneration Component			Laganside	Community Development Component			Total Programme		Total Allocation	
	Income Deprived Population Settlement Bands A-G	% of total	Total	Total Population Settlement Bands A-G	% of total	Total		Average annual cost	Income Deprived Population of District	% of total	Indicative allocation (£,000)	% of total	Indicative allocation (£,000)	Salary & GAE costs in proportion to Programme allocation
Armagh and Newtownabbey	22,959	6.47%	1,538	113,800	8.73%	1,622		25,511	5.65%	354	6.91%	3,554	365	6.94%
Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon	32,921	9.27%	2,205	127,658	9.79%	1,819		44,882	9.94%	654	9.17%	4,798	484	9.21%
Belfast	114,141	32.18%	7,644	332,305	25.54%	4,745	2.112	114,361	25.33%	1,788	31.63%	16,269	1,452	31.36%
Causeway Coast and Glens	23,546	6.63%	1,577	66,806	6.66%	1,237		35,125	7.78%	543	6.53%	3,357	344	6.55%
Derry and Strabane	46,639	13.18%	3,127	116,067	8.90%	1,854		55,684	12.33%	861	10.97%	5,643	579	11.01%
Fermanagh and Omagh	12,476	3.51%	836	42,688	3.27%	608		27,357	6.06%	423	3.63%	1,867	191	3.64%
Lisburn and Castlereagh	16,352	4.61%	1,095	101,797	7.81%	1,451		19,406	4.30%	300	5.53%	2,846	292	5.55%
Mid and East Antrim	20,737	5.84%	1,389	99,272	7.62%	1,415		25,001	5.54%	387	6.20%	3,190	327	6.23%
Mid Ulster	16,423	4.34%	1,033	55,707	4.27%	794		33,923	7.51%	525	4.57%	2,351	241	4.59%
Newry & Mourne and Down	26,753	7.54%	1,792	91,735	7.04%	1,307		44,855	9.88%	690	7.37%	3,790	385	7.40%
North Down and Antrim	22,954	6.47%	1,537	135,007	10.36%	1,924		25,540	5.66%	395	7.50%	3,856	395	7.53%
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