

# COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITIES SUBMISSION



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## COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITIES

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Steve Aiken OBE MLA  
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Ballymiscaw, Stormont,  
Belfast, BT4 3XX

Dear Steve,

### **An Independent Fiscal Council for Northern Ireland**

At its meeting on 3 June 2021, Members considered correspondence from the Committee for Finance seeking the Committees insight on the establishment of an independent Fiscal Council for Northern Ireland.

The Committee considered the potential role and powers for the Council.

The Committee agreed that I write to you to express their support of a Fiscal Council for NI.

To assist budgetary scrutiny, the Committee wish to highlight the need for further work to be done on cross cutting expenditure and to monitor outcomes. The Fiscal

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Council will need to be able to review the effectiveness of cross cutting expenditure and to monitor the impact of such expenditure on outcomes.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paula Bradley', written in a cursive style.

**Paula Bradley**  
**Chairperson**  
**Committee for the Communities**