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To: Shane McAteer, Clerk to the Committee for Finance & Personnel

From: Kevin Pelan, Clerk to the Social Development Committee

Date: 31 May 2012

Subject: Legislative Consent Motion: The Supply of Information from HM

Revenue and Customs

• The Committee considered issues relating to the Legislative Consent Motion at its meeting on 31 May.

- The Committee agrees that the proposed arrangements for the supply of information from HM Revenue and Customs for rates purposes should proceed on the basis that these are necessary to ensure that rates support to low income households is not delayed.
- The Committee also agrees that all measures must be taken to ensure that the shared data is handled in accordance with data protection legislation.
- The Committee would also request an update from your Committee following you scheduled briefing on the implication of housing benefit changes on rates relief on 6 June.