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Dear Mr Humphrey

At its June meeting, Council carried the undernoted motion in relation to the Northern Ireland Audit Office Report into Broadband Investment:

That in light of the recent NIAO Report into Broadband Investment in the North of Ireland, that we welcome the findings of this report, a report which is strongly critical of achieving value for money in delivering broadband provision for citizens of the North. We further note the findings within the report and request that any financial clawback's due from BT should be immediately redirected into Broadband provision into rural areas with poorest broadband speeds.

As an outcome of the motion Council agreed to write to the Department for the Economy, the Public Accounts Committee in the Northern Ireland Assembly and any other relevant Governmental Department charged with the re-allocation of any monies due to the clawback.

I trust you will bring this matter to the attention of the committee and look forward to a positive outcome.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Paul McLean Chair

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