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Dear Tracy

Thank you for your correspondence dated 10 December 2021 which included further information regarding the Sports Sustainability Fund.

The information provided was considered by the Committee on 16 December 2021 and we now seek further information regarding the delegated authority of the Sport NI Board to award funding.

In your response it is stated “For both revenue and capital grants the Sport NI Chief Executive has delegated authority up to a maximum of £499,999. Any recommendations to award funding over this amount must be referred by the Sport NI Chief Executive to the Sport NI Board who have delegated authority for awards of £500,000 or more. If the Sport NI Board subsequently approves any awards over £500,000 Sport NI is required to seek approval from the Department.”

Can you please advise why the Sport NI Board has authority to award funding of £500,000 or more but must also seek approval from the Department for these awards?

I look forward to hearing from you by 17 January 2022.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "William J. Humphrey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "W".

William Humphrey
Chairperson
Public Accounts Committee