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Dear Carolyn

Re; Oldham Council Resolution – Local Authority Funding

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the above, moved at full Council on the 1 April 2015. Please accept my apologies for my late response.

The downright unfairness of government funding across the country is appalling. I have raised it many times as I am sure you are aware and have received responses so poor as to be offensive. Replies such as it is up to individual local authorities to decide on how they spend their grant; totally devoid of any recognition that it is the cuts to the budget that are the central point of complaint.

I have however gone back to the new Minister for Local Government, Marcus Jones, asking him to come up with a much fairer level of support as requested.

I will as always get back in touch with you as soon as I receive a response.

Yours sincerely

The Rt Hon Michael Meacher MP
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