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Dear Sir/Madam

**APPLICATIONS UNDER ARTICLES 19 AND 20 OF THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT (NI) ORDER 2005 (FORMERLY SECTION 81 OF THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 1972)**

I refer you to Circular No: LG 19/05 issued on 25 August 2005, in which I indicated that the Department would consider applications for sanction under Section 81 of the Local Government Act (NI) 1972, in respect of the payment of attendance allowance and expenses of members and/or officers associated with company formation or participation by district councils. I would remind you that the provisions of Section 81 have been repealed and are now contained in articles 19 and 20 of the Local Government (NI) Order 2005.

Last year, 24 of the 26 district councils submitted applications, completing a pro forma for each of the financial years 2004/2005 and 2005/2006. All applications were approved.

As the legislation relating to companies has not yet been made, councils would be advised to consider the need for sanction if they anticipate incurring similar expenditure in the current financial year. (A pro forma is enclosed for that purpose). Applications will be given priority and will be turned around quickly, as before. You should also take this opportunity to

satisfy yourself that sanction granted for 2005/2006 covers actual expenditure. If this is not the case, a further application would be required.

Please contact Brian Copeland (telephone 028 9025 6082) should you need any clarification.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "MFT Finnegan".

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