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Shona Robison MSP
Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government
The Scottish Government

By email:
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Dear Cabinet Secretary,

Midlothian Council funding

I write on behalf of Midlothian Council to express my sincere thanks for the increase in funding allocated to our council in the recent Scottish Budget.

This additional resource has been invaluable in sustaining essential services, delivering for our communities, and allowing us to progress vital projects, including the construction of new schools. Your support has provided much-needed stability at a challenging time for local government.

However, I must also highlight the ongoing financial pressures within Health and Social Care. Our commitment to providing a generous allocation to the Integration Joint Board (IJB) reflects the critical nature of these services, but it has contributed to a significant funding gap within our overall budget. Combined with the impact of rising National Insurance contributions, this has unfortunately led to an increase in Council Tax for our residents—something we had hoped to avoid.

We remain committed to working constructively with the Scottish Government to address these financial challenges, ensuring we continue to deliver the best possible services for our communities.

I would welcome the opportunity to engage in further discussions on how we can collaborate to mitigate the pressures on local government, particularly in the area of Health and Social Care funding.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to local services. I look forward to continuing our dialogue on these important matters.

Yours sincerely,



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