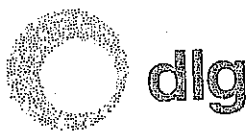


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Dear Mr Willis

I refer to Council's application for a special variation to general income for 2005/2006.

In addition to the general variation and adjustments, the Minister has approved of the council increasing its general income by a further 3.58%.

Council's general income is determined as follows:

	\$	%
2004/05 Notional General Income (Adjusted)	32,834,357	
Plus 2005/06 general variation	1,149,202	3.50
Plus Catch-up adjustment	24,604	0.07
Special Increase	1,174,768	3.58
	35,182,931	

The approval is subject to the conditions set out in the attached instrument.

The Minister's approval is also on the understanding that the council makes and levies its rates according to the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993.

It should be noted that this approval does not enable the environmental levy to be made as an annual charge under section 501 of the Act.

It is also on the understanding that council will continue to review its operations to identify where further efficiencies and tangible savings can be achieved. By applying this special variation all prior period shortfall or excess is eliminated.

Yours sincerely

  
Garry Payne  
Director General