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Dear Dr Potter

Grant to Islington Leaseholders Association

Thank you for your letter of 10 November regarding the above. Cllr James Murray and I will be looking through the information and invoices you've provided and will be in touch if we require any further clarification.

In your letter you make a request for additional funding to enable ILA to recruit a part-time administrator. Sadly, following the change in government, we're having to face up to significant reductions in funding with widespread cuts taking place now and over the next few years that will impact on every aspect of the council's work. As a result of these cuts, we have a recruitment freeze in place and are making some extremely difficult decisions including reducing or closing many services that we currently provide. In this climate I'm afraid it won't be possible for the council to provide funding for ILA to expand and appoint a paid employee.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Catherine West

cc: Cllr James Murray