



This matter is being dealt with by: John Shuttleworth  
 Ext: 5555  
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 Our Ref:  
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Clerk,  
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 Fire and Rescue Authority  
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Mary Foy MP  
 Office No. 12  
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 22a and Upper Floor 26 Front Street  
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Dear Mary,

### Fire Funding for 2024/25

Attached is a letter we have today sent to Lee Rowley MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Minister for Local Government and Building Safety, and to The Rt Hon John Glen MP, Chief Secretary to the Treasury (and copied to The Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities), to request support for funding next year.

We have been asking for your general support with our lobbying position around funding for the last couple of years, but we are entering a crucial period in this campaign. Over the next few weeks key decisions will be made by the Treasury and the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities that could have a fundamental impact on the services we provide to the public in County Durham and Darlington.

If possible, we would ask that you take every opportunity to try to influence Lee Rowley MP, The Rt Hon John Glen MP and The Rt Hon Michael Gove MP as they consider levels of public spending and the envelope for council tax increases.

As always, we are happy to discuss this in more detail with you if you would find that helpful.

Yours sincerely

Cllr John Shuttleworth

**Chair of County Durham and  
 Darlington Fire and Rescue  
 Authority**

Steve Helps

**Chief Fire Officer  
 County Durham and Darlington  
 Fire and Rescue Service**