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Colleagues, the Minister has now approved the funding request for £4m for the current financial year. The letter will reach CEC by the end of the week, but I have agreed with Jonathan Pryce that tie can immediately mobilise, including advisor procurement.

The letter will confirm only this year's funding, not the £13.2m requested for next year. Accordingly, tie cannot commit expenditure at this stage beyond the £4m and all arrangements with advisers need to respect this. The letter will also stipulate that the Executive expects to enter into a dialogue with CEC on shared contributions next year, clearly some scope for debate. However, at least we can now get on with the job.

Regards
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