

PRIME MINISTER

COMMISSIONERS IN LIVERPOOL

Mr Jenkin will come with a shortlist of three names for Chairman and five for Deputy Chairman which he wishes to try out on you. A further issue is whether he should be authorised to sound out anyone considered suitable. Hitherto you have been reluctant for him to do this until the likelihood of Government intervention in Liverpool was much clearer. A central estimate of the financial collapse of Liverpool is currently December but there is substantial variation on either side. One way in which it could run out of money earlier is that, with the Auditors being excluded, Accounting Officers in Departments may feel that they no longer have any assurance that grant money is being spent properly and that they may have to cease paying. Legal advice is being sought on this.

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ANDREW TURNBULL

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Statement without targets

Article for redevelopment

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