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COMMUNITY CHARGE: APPEALS

In your letter of 15 December to Nicholas Ridley you commented on my letter of 4 December.

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I fear you have misinterpreted my meaning. My objective was for local authorities to have due regard to the costs which their actions might impose on others. If Magistrates' Courts were to charge the local authorities the full costs of administering attachment of earnings orders and distress warrants, this would meet my point.

I am copying this letter to Willie Whitelaw, Nicholas Ridley, to other members of  $E(\mathrm{LF})$  to Quintin Hailsham, Kenneth Cameron and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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