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Dear Willie,

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COMMUNITY CHARGE: MARRIED AND UNMARRIED COUPLES

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Nicholas Ridley copied to Norman Fowler his letter to you of
27 February.

I am content with the proposals set out in the note by officials, though I would oppose making a couple jointly and severally liable for community charge arrears incurred before they started living together; retrospective liability would be inconsistent with social security practice.

I am copying this to members of E(LF) and Sir Robert Armstrong.

*Yours Truly,
John*

JOHN MAJOR

LOCAL GOVT : Raining PTG

