

NotePRIME MINISTER ¹

Spoke to Mr. Baker and
Richard Wilson separately,
and passed on the PM's views.
Richard Wilson will arrange to
see Mr. Baker next week.

FUTURE HANDLING OF WORK ON COMMUNITY CHARGE

RACG
15/9

We had a brief talk this evening about how you wanted to carry matters forward on the community charge work in the light of this afternoon's meeting.

You agreed that, for the next meeting of your ad hoc group, the Lord President and the Chief Whip should be invited.

You also agreed that the preparation for that meeting will be co-ordinated at official level by Richard Wilson. That will mainly involve officials from the DoE and Treasury. But I think it will also be necessary, now that the focus is to be on targeted schemes for individual losers, to involve the Department of Social Security. If Richard Wilson judges this is needed, can I take it that:

- you are content for DSS to be involved in his group, on the basis that only named officials from all the departments concerned would have access to the papers?
- Tony Newton would then be invited to the next meeting?

Yes
mt

RACG.

PAUL GRAY

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And it will help if we can
keep Kenneth Baker in touch with
any proposals. mt