

5MR. MILLS

cc Professor Griffiths

I submitted the officials' report on the community charge to the Prime Minister over the weekend, along with your briefing note.

I also included the usual Private Secretary note and brought to the Prime Minister's attention the sort of package which you and I discussed with Brian Griffiths last week.

On this occasion I think - exceptionally - it may be helpful to let you see the note along with the Prime Minister's underlining and comments.

The conclusion would appear to be that the Prime Minister does want such a package considered further - although I am not quite sure of ^{his} ~~our~~ views now on the idea of a higher rate of levy. Perhaps when you have had a chance to consider the note we might have a further word. I should also add that, in the margins of other meetings taking place today, we may get a better indication of the Treasury's position. If so, I will let you know.

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