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The Rt Hon Nicholas Edwards MP

From The Secretary of State for Wales

29 June 1983

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URBAN PROGRAMME: REVIEW OF LOCAL AUTHORITY STATUS

In my letter of 14 January to Willie Whitelaw I indicated that, like Tom King in England, I had in progress a detailed review of those local authorities in Wales with a special status under the Urban Programme. This review has now been completed and its results confirm the existing designations of the 5 areas of Blaenau Gwent, Cardiff, Newport, Rhondda and Swansea.

In addition, 3 districts - Merthyr Tydfil, Cynon Valley and Afan - are shown to be experiencing urban deprivation to an extent which in my assessment fully justifies designated status. The criteria which has been applied follow those used in assessing English authorities in the revised list of designated authorities which have been agreed in England and announced on 15 February. I propose therefore to designate these areas under the provisions of the Inner Urban Areas Act 1978.

This change will be a welcome measure in dealing with the particular problems of these urban valley authorities and forms part of the renewed emphasis I want to see given to the problems of urban South Wales generally. By itself it will not lead to additional claims for resources, though I continue to see the need for developing the Urban Programme as a whole throughout Wales in future years. The change does not carry any significant regional policy implications. Subject to any comments from you or from colleagues I would like to go ahead very quickly with inviting the authorities concerned to accept their new status, leading to an early announcement, subject to the necessary statutory procedures and EC consultations.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Prime Minister and to members of H Committee and Sir Robert Armstrong.

Rt Hon Leon Brittan QC MP
 Home Secretary

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Dear Nick,

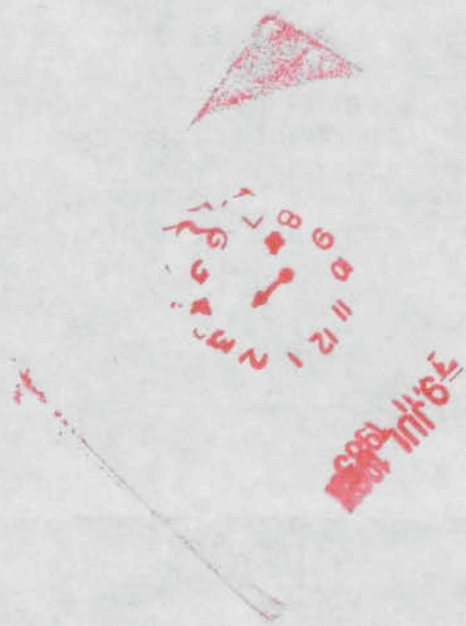
Thank you for copying to me your letter of 29 June to Leon Brittan, proposing an early announcement of your intention to designate three additional districts under the Inner Urban Areas Act 1978 subject to the necessary statutory procedures and EC consultation. I have no objections.

I am copying this letter to the recipients of yours.

Yours
Patrick

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The Rt Hon Nicholas Edwards MP
Secretary of State for Wales

Dear Nick

URBAN PROGRAMME - REVIEW OF LOCAL AUTHORITY STATUS

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of 29 June to Leon Brittan, in which you inform colleagues of your proposal to add three new districts to the five in Wales which already have special status under the Urban Programme.

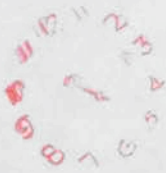
I note that these additional designations will not of themselves lead to additional claims for resources. None of our colleagues has commented on what you propose, and you may take it that you have their agreement to go ahead and to make an early announcement.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Prime Minister, to members of H Committee and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours, etc
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URBAN PROGRAMME: REVIEW OF LOCAL AUTHORITY
STATUS IN WALES

Thank you for copying to me your letter of 29 June about your proposal to give three further districts in Wales full designated status under the Urban Programme. I have no objection to this.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Prime Minister and to members of H Committee and Sir Robert Armstrong.

Peter Rees

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