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**Background**

1. The Department for the Economy (DfE) registered an inescapable pressure of £20m as part of the 2016-17 June Monitoring exercise.
2. No allocation was made to DfE for RHI against this pressure, reflecting the Executive's position that every effort should be made to reduce this pressure.
3. As part of October Monitoring, DfE reallocated £5.6 million of departmental funds towards the RHI pressure.
4. Taking account of the £20 million set aside for RHI, the Executive concluded the October Monitoring round with an overcommitment on Resource DEL of £27.4 million. It is anticipated the Executive will revisit the RHI pressure in the January Monitoring round.
5. It will be for the Department for the Economy, through the ongoing budget exercise, to advise the Executive on the future funding requirements of the Renewable Heat Incentive. The funding requirement will be determined by the ongoing work to explore options for reducing the financial impact of the scheme.

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