

PRIME MINISTER

COMMUNITY CHARGE EXEMPTIONS: VOLUNTEERS

You agreed earlier in the month to various proposals for exemptions from the community charge, subject to the views of colleagues.

The only one of these that has given rise to controversy among colleagues is the suggestion of exempting community service volunteers. Mr. Ridley's further minute of 15 June (immediately below this note) summarises the arguments. With strong support from the Lord Privy Seal, he continues to argue (despite the doubts of Messrs. Rifkind and Clarke) that a narrowly defined exemption should be made. He proposes, however, to accept one modification to the original proposal which has been put forward by Mr. Moore.

Content to accept the approach in Mr. Ridley's minute of 15 June?

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