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Commenting on government plans to provide councils with emergency bailout money, UNISON head of local government Mike Short said: "Such is the desperate state of most councils' finances that this cash injection merely staves off the immediate threat of bankruptcy for some. But others could still go under in the coming months.

"Sadly, ministers have yet to understand councils need proper and sustained funding, not panicked quick fixes to keep the

wolf from the door in an election year.

"Under-pressure local authorities will jump at the chance of extra money, but emergency bailouts won't magic away the massive financial shortfall councils face. Nor will they provide the resources needed to get vital public services back on track."

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