Pwyllgor Cyfrifon Cyhoeddus Public Accounts Committee

Christine Chapman AM Chair Communities, Equalities and Local Government Committee Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru National Assembly for Wales

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Dear Christine,

Meeting the financial challenges facing Local Government in Wales

Thank you for your letter dated 25 March 2014 outlining the work the Communities, Equalities and Local Government (CELG) Committee intends to undertake in relation to the issues raised in the recent Wales Audit Office report, 'Meeting the financial challenges facing Local Government in Wales'.

As you are aware, the Committee discussed this issue on the 3 April 2014. We agreed to write to you again to express the pressing need for scrutiny around this issue and to encourage the CELG Committee to provide an opportunity for further work on the matter in its forward work programme.

The Public Accounts Committee has also recently written to the WLGA requesting a response to the report including details of how the WLGA intends to take forward the wider recommendations it has made. We have agreed to return to this issue on receipt of the WLGA's response and your response to this letter, in order to determine how we might wish to take forward any work on this subject.

Yours sincerely,

Darren Millar AM

Chair