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Dear Mr Millar

Please accept this apology. I appeared before the Public Accounts Committee last week in the Assembly and pointed out that the regulatory services collaboration between Cardiff, the Vale and Bridgend was potentially breaking down because of differential boundaries in the Williams Report proposals. I had previously been informed of this but I have now been told that following a recent meeting it was determined that the project should continue which is obviously good news.

This is occurring on the basis that the savings and resilience requirement is imminent and LGR is now further off. Speaking to the three Chief Executives involved it appears that the project is progressing "in spite of the Williams Report" and that the uncertainty it has created which has undermined confidence. Nevertheless I gave the information to the PAC in good faith and it turns out to be an error on my part. Thus I am sorry for the mistake and I hope this letter addresses this in full.

Yours sincerely

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