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Y Pwyllgor Cydraddoldeb, Llywodraeth Leol a Chymunedau

Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Ymchwiliad i'r Adolygiad Blaenoriaethau ar gyfer y Pwyllgor Cydraddoldeb,

Llywodraeth Leol a Chymunedau

Inquiry into the Priorities for the Equality, Local Government and Communities
Committee

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Dear Sir / Madam,

Consultation – Priorities for the Equality, Local Government & Communities Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to input in to the Committee's longer term forward work programme.

Having considered the initial areas identified by the Committee, I would consider all of the priority areas outlined of considerable importance to the people of Wales going forward. However, from a local government perspective the areas of significance, in priority order, would be:

- **Local government reorganisation and reform.**
It is important that local government has a direct input into the formulation of proposals for its future. Further, it is crucial that local government has an early and clear understanding of the Minister's intentions.
- **EU Funding of tackling poverty programmes.**
The whole area of funding beyond EU membership is of significance to local government. In Conwy, we have already commenced work to try and understand the effects the leaving the EU will have on our finances and on our future way or working. Any assistance or information that the Committee can provide in this area would be welcome.
- **The effectiveness of Communities First**
As Conwy participated in the Communities First initiative, almost since its inception. I would see any work to further understand the governance arrangements and the broader benefits of the Scheme is beneficial.

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- Post-legislative scrutiny of the new homelessness duties
The effective management of homelessness provides a significant challenge to local authorities particularly in terms of effective and sustainable outcomes. Post legislative scrutiny by the Committee would provide very useful benchmark information to assist local government going forward.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Iwan Davies', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Iwan Davies
Chief Executive