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**CLA110 – The Isle of Anglesey Local Authorities (Change to the Years of Ordinary Elections) Order 2012**

Thank you for your letter of 16 March 2012 and copy of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee's report on the above Order.

The Committee's report highlighted the point that the Order has the effect of putting Anglesey on a different electoral cycle from other Welsh counties. The Explanatory Memorandum explained that a consultation was taking place on the proposal to delay the election of county and community councillors in all local authorities in Wales from 2016 to 2017.

That consultation has now closed and I recently announced my decision that I intended to introduce an Order to delay the election of county and community councillors in Wales by one year. The effect of this will be that the election of councillors on the Isle of Anglesey will be brought back into synchronisation with the elections of councillors across Wales.

You will also be aware of the debate that took place on 21 March following the motion by Peter Black AM and Aled Roberts AM to annul the Order. There is nothing further I can add to what I said in that debate.

I am grateful for the Committee's consideration of the Order.

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