

Audit Committee

Date: Thursday, 11 May 2000
Time 9.30 am
Venue: Committee Room 1, National Assembly Building

Title: TEXT OF LETTER FROM PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE AUDITOR GENERAL FOR WALES TO CLERK TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE ON PROTECTING AND CONSERVING THE BUILT HERITAGE IN WALES: RESPONSE TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE'S REPORT, MAY 2000

Thank you for your letter of 12 April about the response from the Cabinet of the National Assembly to the Committee's report "Protecting and Conserving the Built Heritage in Wales". You asked for the Auditor General's advice on the contents of this response and on any follow-up action which the Committee might take.

In its report, the Committee made six recommendations. The Cabinet has responded positively and constructively to each of these. The Cabinet's reply also gives a number of undertakings about actions which Cadw and the Assembly will take in order to respond to the Committee's concerns.

The Auditor General was pleased to note the Cabinet's confirmation that his conclusions and recommendations will be implemented in the course of 2000-01 and that, in the medium term, they will involve minimal costs and achieve a significant net increase in value for money.

Subject to the views of the Committee, given the Cabinet's positive response the Auditor General suggests that there is no need for the Committee to take any further action at the moment. He will monitor the progress made by Cadw and the Assembly in implementing the undertakings which the Cabinet has given and in due course report back to the Committee.

I hope that this is helpful.