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Dear Chair

**Consultation on the appointment of the Chair of the Wales Audit Office**

I am writing in response to your letter of 16 July 2020, consulting me on the appointment of the Chair of the Wales Audit Office. I note that following a competitive recruitment process, the Finance Committee is recommending Lindsay Foyster to the Senedd as the preferred candidate for the position of Chair of the Wales Audit Office.

I also note from the CV provided that Lindsay brings experience and knowledge of working in the third sector. The Welsh Government published its Diversity and Inclusion Strategy for Public Appointments in February setting out a programme of work aimed at improving the diversity of public leaders in Wales, along with their awareness and understanding of promoting equality of opportunity in decision-making.

For the sake of completeness I should note that Ms Foyster is known to me from her earlier career. I played no part, of course, in the selection process.

Best wishes

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