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National Assembly for Wales

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Dear John

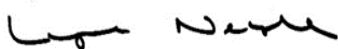
CYPE Committee Inquiry into School Funding

As you may be aware, the Children, Young People and Education Committee is currently undertaking an inquiry into School Funding. Our [call for written evidence](#) was launched on 13 October 2018 and runs until 14 December 2018.

A copy of the inquiry's Terms of Reference is provided at Annex A. These Terms of Reference include a number of areas that relate to local authorities, and the local government funding formula (and how that is used in the context of school funding). Given your Committee's remit over local government, I wanted to ensure you were aware of the work the Committee is undertaking in this respect.

I will, of course, keep you informed of progress with this inquiry.

Yours sincerely



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Annex A

Terms of Reference

The Committee is conducting an inquiry into:

- the **sufficiency** of school funding in Wales; and
- the **way** school budgets are determined and allocated.

The inquiry will focus specifically on:

- the sufficiency of provision for school budgets, in the context of other public service budgets and available resources;
- the extent to which the level of provision for school budgets complements or inhibits delivery of the Welsh Government's policy objectives;
- the relationship, balance and transparency between various sources of schools' funding, including core budgets and hypothecated funding;
- the local government funding formula and the weighting given to education and school budgets specifically within the Local Government Settlement;
- Welsh Government oversight of how Local Authorities set individual schools' budgets including, for example, the weighting given to factors such as age profile of pupils, deprivation, language of provision, number of pupils with Additional Learning Needs and pre-compulsory age provision;
- progress and developments since previous Assembly Committees' reviews (for example those of the [Enterprise and Learning Committee in the Third Assembly](#)); and
- the availability and use of comparisons between education funding and school budgets in Wales and other UK nations.

