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Dear Julie,

Welsh Government draft budget scrutiny 2023-24

Further to an invitation issued to you to attend the Committee's meeting on 25 January, I understand that it is your preference to attend the session virtually.

I can confirm that it is my preference that Ministerial scrutiny sessions should be held in person unless there are specific reasons not to do so, as this facilitates more effective scrutiny. In-person attendance makes for better engagement between Members and Ministers.

This approach is consistent with the Llywydd's guidance, issued in November to all Members of the Senedd under Standing Order 6.17, following consultation with the Business Committee and the Chairs' Forum, which states that:

"Where a committee is meeting in person, it is expected that Ministers will also attend in person".

The guidance acknowledges that there will be occasions where this may not be possible, and states that in such cases there should be constructive engagement between Chairs and Ministers to identify an appropriate solution.

Given the importance of the Committee's annual scrutiny of the Welsh Government's draft budget, I would be grateful if you would attend the scrutiny session on 25 January in person.

Yours sincerely,



Llyr Gruffydd MS,
Chair, Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee



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