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Welsh Parliament

Finance Committee

Adrian Crompton, Auditor General for Wales Lindsay Foyster, Chair of the Wales Audit Office Board

10 February 2023

Dear Adrian and Lindsay

Estimate of Income and Expenses for Audit Wales for the year ended 31 March 2024 and Fee Scheme 2023-24

I am writing further to recent correspondence which identified errors in the following documents previously approved by the Committee:

- Estimate 2023-24 net cash requirement overstated by £280,000 (letter of 19 January 2023), and
- Fee Scheme 2023-24 fee scale for performance audit work at unitary authorities overstated (letter of 2 February 2023)

The Committee considered these issues on 31 January and 9 February respectively. While we are very disappointed that these errors have occurred, we note that they are both overstatements that do not result in increases. The Committee has therefore approved the corrected Estimate and Fee Scheme for 2023-24.

We expect you as the organisation that audits and holds other bodies to account to hold yourselves to a more exacting standard, and as such we trust that steps will be put in place to avoid this happening in the future.

Yours sincerely

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