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Mark Isherwood MS Chair of the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee

7 November 2023

Dear Mark,

You wrote to me on 5 July 2023 concerning an exchange of correspondence between the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee (PAPAC), Transport for Wales (TfW), and others about the procurement of rolling stock by TfW.

In your letter, you suggested that the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee should scrutinise these matters alongside broader policy issues. You added that your Committee reserves the right to scrutinise TfW on matters that specifically relate to PAPAC's remit if the Committee feels there are further issues to resolve. Therefore, I thought it would be helpful to provide you with an update on the Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee's immediate intentions in this policy area.

Later this term, the CCEI Committee will be undertaking a detailed piece of work on rail. The work will take place over three meetings. The first will focus on hearing from stakeholders and passenger groups, including representatives of Transport Focus, Rail Future Wales, and others. The second meeting will consist of our annual scrutiny session with Transport for Wales, which will consider the organisation's functions and responsibilities. Finally, the Committee will hold a scrutiny session on transport matters with the Deputy Minister for Climate Change. Sessions with TfW and the Deputy Minister will include scrutiny of rail services as part of the inquiry.

We intend to report on our work early in 2024. We expect this will include recommendations to the Welsh Government and TfW. We will ensure that you are kept informed of developments and that any matters related to PAPAC's remit are brought to your attention as part of this process.



Yours sincerely,

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

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

