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Darren Millar AM
Chair
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Dear Darren

Meeting the financial challenges facing Local Government in Wales

Thank you for your letter of 8 April 2014, with regards to the report of the Wales Audit Office on the financial challenges facing Local Government in Wales. As I mentioned in my previous letter to you, this is an area of considerable interest to members of the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee.

When I wrote to you previously, I informed you of our intention to consider the matters raised by the WAO in its report, as well as the issues identified in our own report on local government collaboration, in the context of our consideration of the report of the Commission on Public Service Governance and Delivery.

We have now held a public meeting with Sir Paul Williams and some of his fellow commissioners to discuss the Commission's report. I have attached a copy of the [transcript](#) of that meeting for your information.

I note from your recent letter that you have written to the WLGA requesting their response to the WAO's report and asking for details of how the WLGA intends to take forward the wider recommendations it has made, and that the Public Accounts Committee will return to this issue on receipt of their response.

As this matter is currently under consideration by your committee, perhaps you would let me know the outcome of your considerations before we decide how to proceed.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christine Chapman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C'.

Christine Chapman AC / AM
Cadeirydd / Chair