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Dear Colleague

### **Inquiry into Poverty in Wales**

You may be aware that the National Assembly for Wales' [Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee](#) is undertaking an [inquiry into poverty](#) in Wales. The inquiry has been divided into four self-contained strands. Each strand will focus on one particular issue and have its own terms of reference but, taken together, will form an overarching piece of work.

The public consultation on Strand 1, poverty and inequality, has now closed. We will be taking oral evidence to further inform our work on Strand 1 before the end of the autumn term, with a view to reporting in the New Year.

Looking ahead, and in order to prepare for our next piece of work, we have decided to call for evidence on Strand 4, due to its alignment with the issues raised in Strand 1. Work on Strands 2 and 3 (welfare and in-work poverty respectively) will begin later in 2015.

To assist with our inquiry, we would welcome your views on community-based approaches to tackling poverty, based on the following terms of reference:

#### **Strand 4: community-based approaches to tackling poverty**

To consider:

- the geographical consistency of anti-poverty initiatives;
- the effectiveness of area-based anti-poverty programmes such as Communities First;

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- the progress on the recommendations of the Assembly's former Rural Development Committee's 2008 report into 'Poverty and deprivation in rural Wales'.

### **Invitation to contribute to the inquiry**

The Committee welcomes responses in English or Welsh from both individuals and organisations and will hold oral evidence sessions in due course.

Submissions should be no longer than five sides of A4, with numbered paragraphs, and should focus on matters set out above.

The Assembly is committed to providing accessible information to the widest audience possible. The following information should be used as a guide to assist stakeholders in providing written information for committees. This will enable the Assembly to provide information submitted by third parties in an accessible manner.

- Use plain English and plain Welsh – avoid unnecessary jargon.
- Use a minimum of font size 12.
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Where possible, information should be provided in Microsoft Word to ensure accessibility. Where a scan or pdf is provided, particularly in the case of signed letters or tables of information, the original Word document should be provided along with it.

If you wish to submit evidence, please send an electronic copy (preferably **not** in PDF) of your submission to [CELG.committee@wales.gov.uk](mailto:CELG.committee@wales.gov.uk)

Alternatively, you can write to:

Committee Clerk  
Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee  
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Submissions should arrive by **30 January 2015**. It may not be possible to take into account responses received after this date.

The Committee would be grateful if you could forward a copy of this letter to any individuals or organisations that might like to contribute to the review. A copy of this letter will be placed on the National Assembly's website with an open invitation to submit views.

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## Disclosure of Information

You can find details about how we will use your information at <http://www.assemblywales.org/help/privacy/help-inquiry-privacy.htm>. Please ensure that you have considered these details carefully before submitting information to the Committee.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Chapman".

**Christine Chapman AM**  
Chair