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District Secretary

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Dear District Secretary,

I am writing on behalf of the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee to express the Committee's concerns about the recently reported difficulties in relation to the participation agreement between the WRU and the four regions beyond June 2014, and the possible implications of this for the game, both at a professional and national level and more widely at a club and community level.

Sport in Wales is a matter which falls within the remit of the Committee and, on this basis, I would like to invite you to submit a written statement setting out your position with regard to:

- the issues that, in your view, have instigated the current dispute about the participation agreement;
- what action is needed in order to resolve the current dispute and to ensure that such a situation does not occur again in the future;
- any views or concerns that you have about the governance and funding arrangements for rugby in Wales, and whether any improvements need to be made to ensure the game's sustainability in the longer term.

You will wish to be aware that I will be writing in similar terms to the Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Group Chief Executive of the WRU. However, the Committee is also keen to take the views of the clubs, and therefore I have written to all WRU District Secretaries in this regard. I have also contacted Regional Rugby

Wales. The Committee will consider the responses before deciding whether to take any further action.

I look forward to hearing from you shortly.

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