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Christine Chapman AM  
Chair of the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee,  
National Assembly for Wales,  
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*Dear Christine,*

*23* February 2015

During my attendance at Committee on 5 February 2015, in which I provided evidence on the Local Government (Wales) Bill 2015, I agreed to provide the following additional information:

- an outline timetable for the cycle of elections proposed under the Local Government Reform Programme; and
- a note on why the completion of community reviews is not scheduled ahead of the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales (LDBCW) conducting its electoral arrangements reviews of proposed new Principal Areas.

I attach at Annex 1 the proposed timeline for Local Authority elections, including detail of the wider governmental elections.

Annex 2 provides information on the proposed process of electoral arrangements reviews to be conducted by the LDBCW in relation to proposed new Principal Areas, and the conduct of community reviews. It further provides an explanation as to why community reviews are not scheduled to take place ahead of the electoral arrangements reviews of proposed new Principal Areas.

*Best wishes,*  
*Leighton Andrews*

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