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Dear Jenny,

The Equality and Social Justice Committee published its report *Sounding the Alarm – the Governance of Fire and Rescue Services* on 6 June. I have read it carefully, and believe it provides an important and valuable contribution to our plans to reform governance in the fire sector. The initial work on this reform has begun and I will be monitoring progress closely and remain in regular dialogue with Fire and Rescue Services and Fire and Rescue Authorities across Wales as it develops. I am most grateful to you and your colleagues on the Committee for their work on this extremely important matter.

I am pleased to say that, on behalf of the Welsh Government, I am able to accept all of your recommendations and conclusions. I have set out my detailed response in the attachment to this letter.

Yours sincerely

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