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Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government



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Carolyn Thomas MS  
Chair - Petitions committee

4 April 2025

Dear Carolyn Thomas MS,

Thank you for your letter regarding a petition you have received from Rhian Cowen, requesting funding for the public swimming pool in Pembroke.

I have noted the warm endorsement of the value of these local services. I want to assure you we are engaging closely with local authorities on the pressures they are facing. The Welsh Government continues to work with the Welsh Local Government Association and local authorities to better understand the challenges and opportunities in providing and managing leisure facilities.

I know that increased demand for services and cost pressures means all local authorities have had to make difficult decisions on council tax, other income sources, and the services the council provides. Decisions made on the provision of local services are for local authority elected members, within the relevant statutory requirements and following appropriate scrutiny and consultation with local communities. As part of any local decision making, local authorities are responsible for their own assessments of the provision of local services that may impact people in their area.

The Welsh Government continues to prioritise frontline public services including local government as far as possible in our budget decisions. Local Government funding for 2025-2026 in the Welsh Government's final budget increases by £262m compared to, on a similar basis, to the final settlement for 2024-2025, an average increase of 4.5%. This includes floor funding at 3.8% which benefits Pembrokeshire.

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

This core funding for local authorities is distributed on a range of factors including sparsity of population, in order to recognise the costs of service delivery in rural areas.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jayne Bryant". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'J' and 'B'.

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