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Dear Carl

**The Council Tax Reduction Schemes and Prescribed Requirements (Wales) Regulations 2012 and The Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Default Scheme) (Wales) Regulations 2012**

The Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee met yesterday to consider the above regulations and there are a number of points I would like to draw to your attention in advance of the plenary meeting on 19 December.

We noted that the regulations were not made bilingually and that the Explanatory Memoranda accompanying them explained that this was as a consequence of their length and technical complexity, as well as the timeframes within which they were compiled. In view of the addition of a sunset clause to the Prescribed Requirements Regulations, requiring the preparation of a new set of Council Tax Regulations for the financial year beginning on 1 April 2014, we consider that these new regulations should be prepared bilingually and would ask you to confirm that this will be the case.

We also consider that it would be helpful for the new regulations to be accompanied by a table of derivations, which will assist with their scrutiny. We believe that this approach reflects good practice, particularly for complex statutory instruments and those that are derived from existing UK legislation.

Yours sincerely

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