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Mr Nick Ramsey  
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Dear Nick,

### **Natural Resources Wales Response to Annual Report and Accounts Scrutiny 2015/16**

Claire Pillman, has asked me to update you on the latest position with regards to the progress NRW has made in addressing the recommendations of the Committee in respect of the above.

Following our last update in November 2017, we have continued to implement the measures outlined in our Action Plan and this progress was reviewed by our Audit and Risk Assurance Committee on 2nd March.

Wales Audit Office have now commenced an audit of the Action Plan and have this week asked NRW to respond to a number of questions relating to the transitional arrangements NRW put in place following the termination of the Long-Term Timber Contracts awarded to BSW Timber. Considering WAO's on-going audit it would seem sensible for us to allow this to conclude and to defer the April 9<sup>th</sup> update to the PAC to a future date and I trust this is acceptable.

A copy of this letter has been sent to Andrew Slade, Director of Environment and Rural Affairs at Welsh Government, and our sponsorship team.

With best wishes,



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