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Dear John

**Auditor General for Wales Discussion Paper: Six themes to help make scrutiny 'Fit for the Future'**

In light of the anticipated Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill, I thought you may be interested in the following publication and Committee correspondence.

The Auditor General for Wales published a [discussion paper](#) and six-point checklist for councils in Wales in February. Its aim is to help improve overview and scrutiny functions. The paper brings together some common themes and issues that were been identified during audit work across the 22 local authorities during 2017-18.

I wrote to the Welsh Government asking for their [reflections](#) on the paper which the Public Accounts Committee considered on 3 June. Members agreed that we will hold an evidence session with the Welsh Government in the autumn term to explore their reflections together with the Phase 1 Report the Auditor General anticipates publishing in the autumn on the review currently being undertaken on Public Service Bodies.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair

