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Annwyl / Dear Chair,

I was pleased to attend the meeting of the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee on 23 January 2020 to give evidence on the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill as part of the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) delegation. I can also confirm, from a Cardiff Council perspective, that the Council supports the WLGA's position on most aspects of the Bill.

Whilst the evidence session covered a lot of ground, I was surprised that we did not spend a lot of time discussing matters relating to the proposed Corporate Joint Committees (CJCs). As a result, primarily in my role as the Leader of Cardiff Council rather than as a WLGA representative, I took the opportunity to urge the Committee to also give consideration and due regard to the voting arrangements of CJCs, in particular, the implications of a 'one Authority, one vote' approach within a CJC given the differing sizes of Local Authorities and the potential diminution of the weight and size of an electorate of one Authority when compared to another.

I hope that the Committee will reflect on the future voting rights and arrangements of CJCs, which are not set out fully within Part 5 of the Bill at this stage. I would expect that these matters will become clearer when the regulations relating to CJCs are co-designed by the Welsh Government and WLGA to ensure that they deliver a regional model that works for local government.

Yn gywir / Yours sincerely,

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