Y Pwyllgor Cyllid Finance Committee

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I am writing with regard to the Welsh Government's proposals for possible local authority mergers, and subsequently your submission last November for merging voluntarily.

At its meeting of 5 March 2015, the Finance Committee undertook its initial consideration of the financial implications of the Local Government (Wales) Bill. Members of the Committee were particularly interested in the costs incurred in developing the business case for voluntary merger. We would therefore be grateful if you could provide the Committee with information on the costs sustained in building a proposal to submit to the Welsh Government.

The Committee will be considering this issue again in the next few weeks therefore a response by Wednesday 18 March would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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Jocelyn Davies AM, Chair

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