## Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee CELG(4)-09-14 Paper 5

Pwyllgor Cyfrifon Cyhoeddus Public Accounts Committee Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru National Assembly for Wales

Christine Chapman
Chair
Communities, Equalities and
Local Government Committee

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Dear Christine,

## Meeting the financial challenges facing Local Government in Wales

The Wales Audit Office published a report into Meeting the financial challenges facing Local Government in Wales on 28 January and a copy is enclosed.

The Public Accounts Committee received a briefing on the report from the Wales Audit Office during Committee on 18 February and agreed that I would write to the Welsh Government and the WLGA seeking responses to the WAO Report.

The Committee discussed the merits of undertaking an inquiry into this area and wanted to explore whether your Committee would be interested in doing some work in this area. I am aware your Committee has not programmed anything on this issue in the short term and that you also have a heavy legislative workload, but I would be grateful if you could advise as to whether you are able to undertake any evidence sessions in relation to this matter.

I look forward to your response.

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Yours sincerely,

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