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Dear Colleague

Inquiry into Public Libraries

The National Assembly for Wales' [Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee](#) is to undertake a short inquiry into public libraries in Wales. To assist with its inquiry, the Committee would welcome your views on the following matters:

- The extent to which progress has been made by the Welsh Government towards achieving its Programme for Government commitments relating to libraries, and how sustainable any progress is in the current climate;
- The extent to which the current legislative and policy frameworks are suitable to meet the challenges facing local authorities delivering library services in Wales;
- How well-prepared the Welsh Government and local authorities are to mitigate the impact of public sector cuts on library services;
- Options for improving the financial sustainability of library services, including alternative models of provision;
- The contemporary and community role of public libraries in Wales.

Invitation to contribute to the inquiry

The Committee welcomes responses in English or Welsh from both individuals and organisations and will hold oral evidence sessions in due course.

Submissions should be no longer than five sides of A4, with numbered paragraphs, and should focus on matters set out above.

If you wish to submit evidence, please send an electronic copy (preferably **not** in PDF) of your submission to celg.committee@wales.gov.uk

Alternatively, you can write to:

Committee Clerk
Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee
National Assembly for Wales
Cardiff Bay, CF99 1NA.

Submissions should arrive by **17 January 2014**. It may not be possible to take into account responses received after this date.

The Committee would be grateful if you could forward a copy of this letter to any individuals or organisations that might like to contribute to the review. A copy of this letter will be placed on the National Assembly's website with an open invitation to submit views.

<http://www.senedd.assemblywales.org/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Id=8295>

Disclosure of Information

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Yours faithfully



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