

Julie James MS,
Minister for Housing and Local Government

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Dear Minister

Local Government and Elections (Wales Bill)

Thank you for your letter of 27 July 2020, in relation to the outcome of the review on establishing and operating regional collaboration bodies. The Committee considered your letter at its meeting on 14 September 2020.

In our report on the financial implications of the Bill, the Committee made the following recommendation:

"Recommendation 16. The Committee recommends that the Welsh Government share its analysis of the costs and benefits of establishing corporate joint committees once its review concludes. If relevant, the Welsh Government should consider how this information could be accounted for in a revised Regulatory Impact Assessment."

Whilst we appreciate you sharing the information on the review, the Committee didn't feel that it provided the analysis of the potential costs and benefits of Corporate Joint Committees which was requested in our recommendation. Rather, it provides an assessment of various collaboration models in operation in the UK.

The Committee would be grateful to receive more robust analysis of the potential costs and benefits of Corporate Joint Committees at your earliest convenience.



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Yours sincerely,

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Llyr Gruffydd MS / AS

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