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1 November 2021

Dear Elin,

### **THE VALUATION FOR RATING (WALES) (CORONAVIRUS) REGULATIONS 2021**

In accordance with section 11A(4) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946, I am notifying you that this statutory instrument will come into force on 1 November, less than 21 days after it has been laid. This statutory instrument is made under section 143(2) of, and paragraph 2(8) of Schedule 6 to, the Local Government Finance Act 1988. It will come into force at 6pm on the day on which it is laid. The rationale is to prevent any further risk to public funds arising from certain non-domestic rates appeals related to Covid-19. A copy of the instrument and the Explanatory Memorandum that accompanies it are attached for your information.

The Regulations are closely linked to provisions in the *Rating (Coronavirus) and Directors Disqualification (Dissolved Companies) Bill* currently progressing through Parliament. Provisions in the Bill, if passed, would supersede these Regulations. Amendments relating to Wales were laid on 9 September and I laid a Legislative Consent Memorandum on 21 September, currently being considered in Committee. I intend to hold the Plenary debate on the Legislative Consent Motion for this Bill on 23 November.

I am copying this letter to the Lesley Griffiths MS, Minister for Rural Affairs, North Wales and Trefnydd, Huw Irranca-Davies MS, Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, Peredur Owen Griffiths MS, Chair of the Finance Committee, Siwan Davies, Director of Senedd Business, Sian Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Services and Julian Luke, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service.

Yours sincerely

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