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(By email only)

c/o:

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Dear Angela Davies,

Thank you for your letter dated 13th February 2020.

You may be aware that as of the 12th February 2020 Cllr. Ellen ap Gwynn stepped back from the position of ERW Joint-Committee Chair. I therefore now respond to the points you raise in my capacity as interim Chair of the ERW Joint-Committee.

Our ERW Joint-Committee meeting due to be held on the 14th February 2020 was postponed. A new date has been arranged, March 19th, and I will present and ensure we discuss your letter as a part of the rescheduled meeting.

In the meantime, I felt it important to write and thank you and the members of the ERW Scrutiny Councillor Group for the opportunity Cllr. Ellen ap Gwynn and ERW officers had to discuss a wide range of issues with you in Llandrindod Wells on the 27th January.

I'm pleased to read that the work presented by our officers was useful and informative. The Joint Committee places much emphasis on ensuring a collegiate and transparent approach with regard to sharing updates on the progress and impact of ERW's ongoing work in support of children and young people across the region. I'm told that your meeting scheduled for the 4th May 2020 will include a presentation from members of our Curriculum Team.

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Led by Anna Bolt, Head of Curriculum Reform and Innovation, the Curriculum Team has recently completed a successful second series of 'Curriculum Engagement' events across the region. I'm sure they'll be eager to share some of the content and key messages they've used to support our schools with the members.

The opportunity to meet with Qualifications Wales will undoubtedly be valuable and provide the group with a direct view on developments across Wales. I understand that Andi Morgan has contacted Mr Philip Blaker, Chief Executive Officer and made arrangements for him to attend on the 4th of May.

In response to the key points you raise, I would note that:

- The revised ERW Governance Structure remains deferred to the Joint Committee meeting planned for March 19th. I will be in a position to respond further following the meeting.
- Further discussions with regard to the 'ERW Footprint' will also form part of the next Joint Committee meeting's agenda. Once again, I will respond in greater detail following the meeting.

Thank you again for your letter and the Group's support Angela. I will update you further following the next Joint-Committee meeting.

Yours sincerely,



Cllr. Emlyn Dole.

ERW Joint-Committee Chair (interim)