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Communities, Equality and Local Government  
Committee

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Wales



Mr Nigel Short  
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Mr Stuart Gallacher  
Chief Executive  
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Dear Mr Short

I am writing on behalf of the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee to express the Committee's concerns about the recently reported difficulties in relation to the participation agreement between the WRU and the four regions beyond June 2014, and the possible implications of this for the game, both at a professional and national level and more widely at a club and community level.

Sport in Wales is a matter which falls within the remit of the Committee and, on this basis, I would like to invite you to submit a written statement setting out Regional Rugby Wales's position with regard to:

- the issues that, in your view, have instigated the current dispute about the participation agreement;
- any action that is needed in order to ensure that such a situation does not occur again in the future;
- any views or concerns that you have about the governance and funding arrangements for rugby in Wales, and whether any improvements need to be made to ensure the game's sustainability in the longer term.

You will wish to be aware that I will be writing in similar terms to Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Group Chief Executive of the WRU, as well as all WRU District Secretaries, as the Committee is keen to take the views of the clubs. The Committee will consider the responses before deciding whether to take any further action.

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg a'r Saesneg / We welcome correspondence in both English and Welsh  
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I look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christine Chapman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C'.

**Christine Chapman AC / AM**  
**Cadeirydd / Chair**

Cc. Ms Antonia Lamont, Head of Public Relations, Regional Rugby Wales