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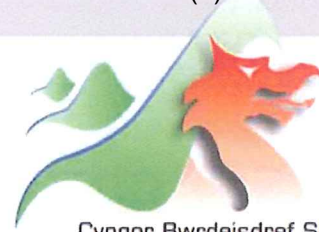
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Jocelyn Davies, AM
Chair of the Finance Committee
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17th March, 2015

Dear Jocelyn,

Thank you for your letter regarding the costs incurred by this Council in responding to the Welsh Government process for voluntary mergers. Our proposal submitted in November was an Expression of Interest (EoI) in exploring the possible merger, the actual business case would have been the next stage. In preparing the EoI submission both members and officers in both Councils prioritised the work to comply with the very tight timescale set and there were no direct additional costs. However considerable time, effort and energy was given in seeking to ensure the EoI met the requirements of the invitation. If the EoI had been agreed there would have been some direct additional costs and we informed the Welsh Government on our assessment of what these would be.

If you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Chief Executive

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