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Local Authority Leaders

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Dear Colleagues

I was delighted to join you in November at the WLGA Autumn Seminar and I wanted to follow up an invitation I made at that event.

Like you, I want Welsh councils to be powerful, with all the powers you require to shape the future of the communities that we serve and we all recognise the critical role local government plays in delivering services to these communities. We also recognise the shared ambition we have for local government to be empowered to maximise the impact it has on the lives of citizens. With that in mind, I want to restate my invitation for local government colleagues to suggest additional powers or flexibilities which would aid you in your work and in making a difference for people across Wales.

I am aware of a number of suggestions and proposals, particularly emerging from the City Deal and Growth Deal processes, as well as some long standing areas of interest and I believe it would now be helpful to draw together this thinking to aid fuller consideration.

I have highlighted this initiative to my Cabinet and Ministerial colleagues because some of your responses are likely to identify issues which fall to other portfolios. I will work with them to make sure any matters you identify are given full and proper consideration.

I would be grateful for your responses by January 31st 2018, which should be sent to paula.james@gov.wales please.

Yours sincerely

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