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| **TITLE** | **The Potential for a National Academy or School for Government in Wales** |
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| **BY** | **Alun Davies, Cabinet Secretary for Local Government and Public Services** |

As part of the 2017-18 budget, the Welsh Government and Plaid Cymru agreed ‘’work to take forward a National Academy of Government – creating a long-term relationship between Academi and a degree-awarding higher education institution’’.

I have met with Adam Price AM to discuss how to take this commitment forward. We agreed that he would lead a piece of work to research national and international models and investigate the potential for such an academy or school in Wales. I have offered and he has accepted, support from my Department in that work.

We have now agreed the following terms of reference;

* Explore the potential for creating a Welsh National School for Government considering areas related to world class governance, governing small and bi-lingual nations, public administration and research and development in leading edge public services;
* Look across the public and civic sectors, consider existing organisations, bodies, faculties and schools, identifying capability and capacity for the potential of such a school;
* In the new year, set out the concept of a National School of Government for further consideration by the Cabinet Secretary for Local Government and Public Services.

Adam Price AM’s work will now begin and I look forward to receiving his report in the New Year.