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Dear Cllr Jones,

**Re Service Improvement & Finance Scrutiny Performance Panel, 14<sup>th</sup> January 15**

Thank you for your letter of 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015. Please accept my apologies for the late response but the move to the Guildhall has been time consuming.

I note the letter you have sent to Cllr Madge and Mrs O'Connor and I am interested to see their response. Our Chief Executive and the Director of People have expressed concerns about the governance of ERW, and your Panel & the Schools Performance Panel may wish to hear from them.

I note your concern that not all school governors and school finance committees have received detailed information on the reductions to the schools delegated budgets. Communications with governing bodies and the sharing of information with governors has been identified by the Audit Committee as a problem area. In some schools, governors change quite rapidly and although the Council has an accurate list of L.A. governors, it is dependent on any changes being notified by the clerks to the governing body.

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A School Governance Scrutiny Working Group met on the 18<sup>th</sup> February 2015, and I understand the Working Group will be reporting to the Scrutiny Programme Committee. Suggesting further inquiry would be constructive.

May I suggest that this new group is asked to look at improving communications in order to ensure all governors have relevant information to meet their statutory duties.

Yours sincerely,

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