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To: Chairs of Public Service Boards

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Dear Chair,

I have previously written to you about the work of the National Assets Working Group (NAWG). As you are aware, it was established with the objective to identify, enable and promote the savings and service delivery benefits that can be derived from the public sector estate through proactive, collaborative strategic asset management.

I recently announced that the work of NAWG will now go forward under the new name 'Ystadau Cymru' with the associated strapline "working together to make best use of the public estate".

The ongoing challenging financial climate for public services in Wales, as a result of the UK Government's policy of austerity, means we must innovate and work together to tackle the current financial pressures; in order to deliver excellent public services whilst achieving value for money from all available resources.

The Ystadau Cymru Board has been working hard this year to increase the visibility of the collaborative asset management agenda across the Welsh public sector. The Board has also been reviewing how the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act affects our approach to assets and asset management in general as we move forward.

To help improve the visibility around this important agenda 6 regional sub-groups have been established and I wanted to make sure you were aware of them. I have asked these regional sub-groups to work closely with the Public Service Boards (PSBs) to link with, and support, any work you might be undertaking around assets in your area. The work of the Ystadau Cymru sub group in your area would hopefully also be of wider benefit in supporting the identification of opportunities for the public sector throughout Wales to make better use of its assets.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I have attached a list of the regional sub-groups and contact details of their Chair/Leads and the contact information for the main Ystadau Cymru Board.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted to the right.

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