

**Cllr Jeff Jones**  
**Convener, Development & Regeneration**  
**Performance Panel**

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**BY EMAIL**

Dear Councillor Jones

**Development & Regeneration Scrutiny Performance Panel – 17 July 2019**

Thank you for your letter dated 30 July 2019. Please find response to the question below.

*Can you please provide us with the date and calculations used to determine how wards are categorised as rural or urban?*

The Welsh Government Rural Communities – Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 budget for the LEADER measure will be apportioned to approved LAGs using an Indicative Allocation Methodology. Each LAG will receive a core allocation of £500,000 which is a minimum amount considered necessary to support a LAG area based on the experiences of the 2007-2013 programme. Each LAG will receive an additional allocation based on a weighted apportionment calculation that takes two factors into account: 1. 75% weighting based on the rural population of the eligible wards (100% of the population of rural wards plus 30% of the population of service wards – 2011 Census data); 2. 25% weighting based on the sparsity of population within the eligible wards (within rural wards, population of the smallest settlements in ‘less sparse’ areas and a double weighting for the population of the smallest settlements in ‘sparsest’ areas – Welsh Government/ Office of National Statistics definitions, 2011 Census data). This allocation will cover the full amount of the LEADER measure budget and will apply for the whole of the Welsh Government Rural Communities – Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 period but is subject to the satisfactory delivery of the LDS. (Source: Welsh Government Rural Communities – Rural Development Programme 2014- 2020 – LEADER – Guidance Notes 2015 <https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2018-09/leader-guidance.pdf>, Section 18)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Francis-Davies". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.

**COUNCILLOR ROBERT FRANCIS-DAVIES  
CABINET MEMBER FOR INVESTMENT, REGENERATION & TOURISM**