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Dear *AM*

Thank you for your first update report on progress made within the Isle of Anglesey County Council since your appointment as Commissioners at the end of March. Having read your report I was pleased to note that some tangible progress has been made since your appointment.

I have also carefully considered the series of recommendations put to me in the report. I agree with the recommendations and acknowledge the progress you have made and your commitment to strengthen and reform Anglesey County Council, both politically and corporately.

I was particularly pleased to read the encouraging signs of change in the behaviour and approach of elected members. I understand from reading your report that many elected members have accepted my intervention and also your presence within the Council, and see it as an opportunity to make progress. I warmly welcome this and hope the positive change is permanent. If there are any members who have yet to change their ways, I expect you and other members to expose, isolate and challenge that.

Unfortunately your report also highlights the emerging weaknesses in the Council's corporate centre and some service areas. With hindsight, this is not surprising. I have long said that long running political misbehaviour poses a risk to service delivery, and your report is further evidence of that.

However, the task now is of course to resolve those weaknesses effectively and sustainably. That is particularly true where the risks to service delivery have become real, as in the recent CSSIW report. With your daily presence within the Council and your Commissioners' forward programme and priorities, which I fully support, I am confident you are able to do that. In doing so I know you will be working very closely with the interim Chief

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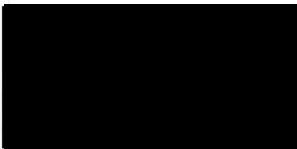
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Executive and his senior management team to strengthen and restructure corporate service. Again I welcome this approach and look forward to hearing the results.

I remain most grateful to your and the interim Chief Executive's continued commitment to achieving a sustainable recovery for the Council. I look forward to receiving your second update report in September.

I am copying this letter to Richard Parry Jones. I would also be happy for you to publish it alongside your report.



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