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Dear Mr Parry-Jones

**Isle of Anglesey CC: Consultation on proposed appointment of external auditor (2010/11 accounts and for the foreseeable future)**

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP has been the appointed auditor to your Authority since late 2002. As part of his regulation of public sector audit the Auditor General for Wales regularly reviews, and makes changes to, appointments of auditors at local government bodies across Wales. He has also reviews the portfolios of the individual firms contracted to him.

I wish to inform you that the Auditor General proposes to leave delivery of the Authority's audit with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP for the foreseeable future. But the firm would now report to Anthony Barrett who would become the Appointed Auditor as part of his role as the Auditor General's 'Single Appointed Auditor' for local government.

The 'Single Appointed Auditor' arrangement is being rolled-out across Wales, having been piloted for several years elsewhere. Separating the roles of Engagement Partner and Appointed Auditor provides increased assurance for audited bodies on matters of consistency and co-ordination. The arrangement is very similar to that applied for NHS bodies where the Auditor General is the statutory external auditor but all of the day-to-day work is carried out on his behalf by WAO staff or a firm. This means that in terms of your everyday working arrangements, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP will conduct the audit, attend meetings and present reports, as they have done previously, but now on behalf of Anthony. Your contact with Anthony should be minimal and there will not be any additional cost to your council as a consequence of this arrangement.

Accordingly, on behalf of the Auditor General, I should like to formally consult your Authority on the appointment of Anthony Barrett, of the Wales Audit Office, as your Appointed Auditor for completion of your 2010/11 accounts and for the foreseeable future. As explained above, Anthony would be supported in the on-site delivery of the audit by Lynn Hine of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, as Engagement Partner. Anthony is the Assistant Auditor General for Financial Audit and he leads the WAO's financial audit practice.

I would welcome your comments on this proposal and, in particular, whether there are any specific/compelling reasons why, in your view, it might be inappropriate for the Auditor General to

appoint Anthony Barrett as the new appointed auditor. Please let me have your comments **by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2011.**

In the meantime, please contact my Appointments Manager, Nick Davies, on the number above if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

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