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Dear Debbie

Thank you for inviting me to the WLGA Executive Board meeting on 25 October. As indicated at that meeting, I am now writing to formally invite proposals from local government as to which local authorities would wish to come together for the purposes of development of Corporate Joint Committees (CJCs).

As we have previously discussed, Welsh Ministers will be able to establish Corporate Joint Committees for a core set of functions in the areas of Transport, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Improving Education. My intention is to establish Corporate Joint Committees with responsibility for Transport and Strategic Planning as soon as possible.

I have made it clear that there is a window of opportunity for us to work together to develop these proposals and my preference is for local authority leaders to identify their preferred regional partners.

I am disappointed that the WLGA Executive Board voted to reject the principle of the Welsh Government having the power to instigate the establishment of Corporate Joint Committees in a limited number of specified functional areas.

However I continue to offer the opportunity, which I hope you will take, for local government to co-design the regulations to ensure that Corporate Joint Committees deliver a regional model that works for local government.

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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 look forward to receiving your proposals and to continuing the constructive discussions on the development of the Corporate Joint Committee regulations.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie James". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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