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Dear Huw

LOCAL AUTHORITY BUDGETS 2000-01: RETURNS TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

I am responding to your request for sight of the details of local authorities' budgets for 2000-01, as notified to the Assembly in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1988.

I attach spreadsheets providing these details. The second shows the Assembly's projected Band D council tax increases, as used to calculate the damping grant, which were based on assumed budget increases for all authorities, and excluded the effects of changes in community council precepts and discretionary non-domestic rate relief. Against that, it shows the percentage change based on local authorities' budget decisions.

I hope this is helpful. I am copying this letter to David Davies AM, and will be placing a copy in the Assembly Library.

Best wishes

Table 2
Band D council tax in Wales, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 (1)

Authority	Average band D council tax, including police precepts (£)				Projected increase in council tax (2)
	2000-01	1999-00	Change	% change	
Isle of Anglesey	621	534	86	16.2%	16.5%
Gwynedd	673	618	55	8.9%	9.2%
Conwy	551	488	64	13.1%	11.3%
Denbighshire (3)	733	647	86	13.2%	7.7%
Flintshire	654	592	63	10.6%	10.5%
Wrexham	701	633	68	10.7%	10.8%
Powys	628	552	76	13.7%	13.9%
Ceredigion	723	670	53	7.9%	7.7%
Pembrokeshire	603	542	60	11.1%	10.9%
Carmarthenshire	724	666	58	8.7%	8.6%
Swansea	681	596	85	14.2%	14.1%
Neath Port Talbot	837	750	87	11.6%	11.7%
Bridgend	702	647	55	8.4%	8.1%
The Vale of Glamorgan	600	532	68	12.7%	12.0%
Rhondda Cynon Taff	772	686	87	12.7%	12.6%
Merthyr Tydfil	799	712	86	12.1%	11.9%
Caerphilly	670	633	37	5.9%	3.9%
Blaenau Gwent	727	640	88	13.7%	13.4%
Torfaen	624	564	60	10.7%	5.7%
Monmouthshire	597	485	112	23.1%	18.2%
Newport	567	531	36	6.8%	6.4%
Cardiff	633	573	60	10.5%	10.3%
Total unitary authorities	669	602	68	11.3%	10.5%

- (1) The National Assembly for Wales is yet to decide whether it needs to use its reserve capping powers.
- (2) This column gives the projected band D council tax increases used in the damping calculations, which were based on assumed budget increases for all authorities, and excluded the effects of changes in community council precepts and discretionary non-domestic rate relief.
- (3) The difference between actual and projected council tax increases in Denbighshire is probably related to the requirement to repay grant to the European Commission, which itself relates to the activities of the former Rhuddlan borough council.

Welsh local authority budget requirements, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 (1)

Authority	Budget requirement (£ million)			
	2000-01	1999-00	Change	% change
Isle of Anglesey	74.2	70.1	4.0	5.7%
Gwynedd	133.4	126.3	7.1	5.7%
Conwy	112.3	105.8	6.6	6.2%
Denbighshire	104.6	97.8	6.8	6.9%
Flintshire	150.3	142.1	8.2	5.8%
Wrexham	126.5	119.6	6.9	5.7%
Powys	142.9	135.2	7.7	5.7%
Ceredigion	80.4	75.5	5.0	6.6%
Pembrokeshire	124.4	117.6	6.8	5.8%
Carmarthenshire	190.8	180.4	10.4	5.8%
Swansea	238.1	225.2	13.0	5.8%
Neath Port Talbot	157.3	148.7	8.6	5.8%
Bridgend	139.2	131.6	7.6	5.8%
The Vale of Glamorgan	120.1	113.2	6.9	6.1%
Rhondda Cynon Taff	269.7	255.0	14.7	5.8%
Merthyr Tydfil	71.0	67.1	3.9	5.8%
Caerphilly	183.7	173.2	10.5	6.0%
Blaenau Gwent	84.1	79.6	4.6	5.8%
Torfaen	98.9	92.8	6.1	6.6%
Monmouthshire	81.7	76.5	5.3	6.9%
Newport	142.0	134.2	7.7	5.8%
Cardiff	316.3	299.2	17.2	5.7%
Dyfed Powys police authority	59.0	55.7	3.3	5.9%
Gwent police authority	76.1	71.4	4.7	6.6%
North Wales police authority	84.0	79.6	4.5	5.6%
South Wales police authority	179.1	170.0	9.1	5.4%
Total unitary authorities	3,141.9	2,966.5	175.4	5.9%
Total police authorities	398.3	376.7	21.6	5.7%
Total Wales	3,540.2	3,343.2	197.0	5.9%

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