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## Dear Mr Owen

I am writing in my capacity as Section 151 officer for the Mid Wales Corporate Joint Committee (MWCJC).

Given the MWCJC has already approved its budget for 23/24 including the Levy contributions from each Constituent Body, it's disappointing to see that we are now being notified almost halfway through the financial year that there is additional cost burden of £2,093 for Performance audit related work taking estimated audit fees up to just under £4,000. The MWCJC was well aware that there would be a cost for the audit of the accounts and had made budget provision for this, however to my knowledge it had not previously been notified of a direct Performance audit cost.

Whilst ultimately the cost is not significant in terms of Ceredigion County Council or Powys County Council, in the context of the 23/24 Mid Wales CJC budget of £175,000 it is more significant. Moving forwards, please could I therefore request that we have more advance notification of proposed audit fees so that these can be factored into the MWCJC's budget setting process.

Yours sincerely

**Duncan Hall** 

Corporate Lead Officer: Finance and Procurement

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