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13th October 2026

Dear Dan,

RE: Local Government Funding Formula Review

I am writing on behalf of Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council to share the Council's position regarding the Welsh Government's review of the Local Government Funding Formula.

Given the important role that evidence and research will inevitably play in informing policy discussions on local government funding, the Council wished to draw your attention to the issues that we believe should remain central to the debate.

As a Council, we fully support the fair and transparent distribution of public funding according to greatest need. However, we also believe that any assessment of need must continue to recognise the enduring impacts of deprivation, poverty and health inequalities, along with the high levels of demand for education and social care services that these underlying factors often entail.

The Council is concerned that an excessive shift in emphasis towards factors such as sparsity or rurality could unintentionally reduce recognition of the very real challenges faced by many former industrial communities which are a particularly prevalent reality across the South Wales Valleys.

We would therefore encourage continued research and analysis that fully considers the relationship between deprivation, service demand and funding requirements, alongside any other factors being assessed during the review.

I would be grateful if the Council's views could be taken into account during any future work or advice provided in relation to local government finance.

Yours sincerely,

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