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Dear Mr Cullum

Inquiry into Arm's Length External Organisation

I refer to your telephone conversation with Mrs Judith Proctor on 12th November regarding her attendance at the Committee to give evidence and note you advised that persons can be compelled to attend. I am aware of the statutory provisions relating to attendance at a Committee, but also note that as an alternative the Committee can compel, by issue of a notice, the production of relevant documents.

In my letter to Kevin Stewart MSP on 11th November 2015, I noted that officers would not be able to attend the Committee due to them being tasked with work in respect of the Joint Inspection of Older People's Services and the significant work which is required to prepare for, and implement, the establishment of the Integrated Joint Board. That said, the Council is keen to work with the Committee to ensure that the Inquiry is able to consider all relevant matters and we trust that the submission of documents would be sufficient for your purposes.

As you may be aware, the Council has put in place a framework, the ALEO Governance Hub, to scrutinise and monitor its ALEOs. The Hub will focus on a range of matters including; Corporate Continuity Planning, Business Planning, Risk Registers, Financial Governance, Audit Controls, Service Performance against KPIs, Performance Management and Benchmarking and Community Planning. The next meetings of the Hub are early December 2015. This is an evolving process and it is likely that the process will be defined as the meetings progress and the Council begins to formalise what specific areas it wishes to focus in on for each of its ALEOs. If you would find it helpful for the purposes of the Inquiry, I would be happy to provide you with information on the current arrangements in respect of the Hub.

Yours sincerely

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