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Russell George AM
Chair
Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee

8 February 2019

Dear Russell

Thank you for your letter of 10 January 2019 regarding the National Transport Finance Plan (NTFP) and Transport for Wales.

As you stated in your letter I have committed to publishing the NTFP on an annual basis. My officials are finalising an update of the NTFP 2017 to explain the progress we have made on delivering our transport priorities in 2018. I am proposing to publish NTFP 2018 in February 2019.

With regard to the Transport for Wales (TfW) remit letter, due to an administrative error the document was not published at the link at the time the WAQs were published. This has now been rectified and the remit letter can be accessed at the link below.

<https://beta.gov.wales/transport-wales-remit-letter-1-october-2018-31-march-2019>

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken', written over a light grey horizontal line.

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4 December 2018

Dear Nick,

REMIT LETTER TO 31 MARCH 2019

The contract between Transport for Wales (the "Company") and the Welsh Government is composed of the agreed Articles of Association and the approved Management Agreement, together with this Remit Letter and the associated Business Plan prepared by the Company and approved by the Welsh Government.

This Remit Letter sets out the operational remit for the Company from 1 October 2018 to 31 March 2019 (the "Period") and the cumulative level of funding available from the Welsh Government to support the achievement of that remit.

Transport for Wales was created to support the Welsh Government's vision for delivering a transformational integrated transport system for Wales, providing high-quality, safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport for all.

The Company's core objectives for Period should be aligned with the Welsh Government's Programme for Government, Taking Wales Forward 2016-2021, to build a united, connected and sustainable Wales. As an organisation, the Company should be aligned with the Well-being Objectives, being ambitious, seeking to engage and connected in its delivery approach as well as the delivery outcomes it will support.

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

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.

Core activities

Transport for Wales will:

- Support the Welsh Government to finalise the closure of the existing Wales and Borders Franchise
- Manage the ODP for the Wales and Borders rail service and make any contractual payments due to the ODP;
- Further develop the Sustainable Transport Infrastructure Delivery (STRIDE) framework alliance and engagement events with SMEs
- Further develop the Analytical Unit within the Company, based on South East Wales Transport Model to support local, regional and national transport planning
- Deliver rail infrastructure projects, including, but not limited to
 - projects to support the delivery of the South Wales and North East Wales metros,
 - Bow Street Station; and
 - Llanwern Station and Major Events Stabling Line;
- Provide professional advisory and consultancy capacity, and develop the case for investment in the transport network through 'Programme Strategic Outline Cases' including individual business cases and feasibility studies where required;
- Provide professional and advisory capacity in support of the bus services review;
- Provide technical expertise and support on a range of active travel matters; including the review of the Active Travel Design Guidance, appraisal of grant applications and technical queries regarding the design of schemes, and support the WelTAG process from an active travel perspective for schemes promoted by WG and TfW.
- Provide project management in connection with transport projects.
- Continue to establish its internal structures and capability to facilitate the delivery of this remit with consideration for any potential future remit;
- Continue to develop the Transport for Wales brand as a strong customer-focused brand that passengers and stakeholder across Wales recognise and understand its values.

Cumulative Financial Allocation

The cumulative funds available to the Company are set out below and are based on the forecasts and revenue and capital expenditure categories provided by TfW:

	Limit
Cumulative Revenue Funding	£103,299,112
Cumulative Capital Funding	£56,878,196

The funding will be paid to TfW as a grant quarterly in advance. Advance payments made to the Company to date will be off-set against the cumulative funding limits during the grant draw-down process. A reconciliation of the Company's defrayed expenditure as at the end of the previous Period will be undertaken before any additional funding is released.

The Cumulative Revenue Funding Limit and Cumulative Capital Funding Limit are inclusive of any VAT liability that TfW will incur but is unable to recover.

It is the Company's responsibility to ensure that expenditure is managed in line with the Articles of Association and the Management Agreement and relevant guidance. In

particular, the Company can not vire between the Cumulative Revenue Funding Limit and the Cumulative Capital Funding Limit without prior consent from the Welsh Government.

TfW is also required to seek approval to vire between the cost heading breakdowns in TfW's Business Plan. I expect the Company to adhere to these expenditure limits and to report any projected changes to the profiles of each cost heading as soon as possible through the monthly monitoring reports.

Performance Monitoring

The arrangements for monitoring the Company's progress against the Remit Letter and the Business Plan will, in addition to the arrangements set out in the Management Agreement, be via the fortnightly Operational Board and in the form of meetings between the Welsh Government and you as Interim Company Chair.

I would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of this letter and confirm that you are content with the details provided.

Yours sincerely



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Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros yr Economi a'r Seilwaith
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