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Dear Madam

Consultation on Changes to Local Authority Municipal Waste Statistical Outputs

We have received a copy of the above draft for comment as part of your consultation process.

The Chartered Institution of Wastes Management (CIWM) is the professional body which represents over 6,000 waste and resources management professionals, predominantly in the UK but also overseas. The CIWM sets the professional standards for individuals working in the waste and resources management industry and has various grades of membership determined by education, qualification and experience.

CIWM is recognised as the foremost professional body representing the complete spectrum of the waste and resources management industry. This gives the Institution the widest possible view and, perhaps more pertinently, an objective rather than partial view, given that our goal is for improvement in the management of all wastes and resources.

The Cymru Wales Centre Council of the Chartered Institution of Wastes Management welcomes the opportunity of contributing to the Consultation on Changes to Local Authority Municipal Waste Statistical Outputs.

CIWM Cymru Wales welcomes changes to local authority municipal waste statistical outputs and support the outlined proposals to:

- cease publishing the detailed quarterly Statistical release and replace with a short Statistical Headline outlining key points at a Wales level,
- publish accompanying key data at a Wales and Local Authority level on StatsWales,
- cease publishing Quarter 4 provisional data in August, and publish Quarter 4 data as part of the final annual release in October.

In relation to the specific consultation questions, our points are as follows.

Question (a)- Do you agree with the proposals to cease publishing the detailed quarterly Statistical release and replace with a short Statistical Headline outlining key points at a Wales level (whilst adding 12 month rolling data to StatsWales tables)? Please briefly explain your answer.



AND Question (b) - Do you agree with the proposals to cease publishing Quarter 4 provisional data in August, and publish Quarter 4 data as part of the final annual release in October? Please briefly explain your answer.

CIWM Cymru Wales agrees with the proposed changes which should lead to clear, certain and reliable data that users can trust and interpret easily and correctly. CIWM Cymru Wales welcomes 'quality' over 'quantity' when it comes to data and statistics.

Question (c) - What are your views on the current format and content of the annual release? Are there other alternative analyses that you require?

CIWM Cymru Wales has no comments on the current format and content of the annual release.

Should you have any query with regards to our response, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

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