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Councillor Ellen Ap Gwynn
Chair
ERW Joint Committee
C/o Leader's Office
Ceredigion Council

Dear Ellen,

I am writing formally to give notice of this Authority's intention to withdraw from ERW with effect from 31 March 2020 under Clause 15.1 of the Joint Committee Agreement dated 16 July 2014.

I believe that it is unnecessary for me to rehearse the reasons why. These have been the subject of exhaustive correspondence and numerous meetings at both political and officer level over the last year or so. I also made this Council's position very clear at the last meeting of the Joint Committee on 8 February. I find it disappointing that, at the time of writing, the Minister has not offered a substantive response to your letter to her of 11 February.

I should also underline that this Council will continue to work constructively for a solution to the current issues surrounding ERW and if these issues can be resolved, we reserve the right to withdraw this letter; but what we are not prepared to do is to let the end of another financial year pass without any final resolution.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Leaders of Carmarthenshire, Pembrokeshire, Powys and Swansea.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Rob Jones
Leader of Council