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Cllr Ali Thomas  
Leader, Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council  
The Civic Centre  
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18 November 2014

*Dear Ali,*

In September 2013, the Minister for Local Government and Government Business wrote to you to confirm the assessment process for the Successor Outcome Agreements covering your performance against agreed outcomes from 2013-14 to 2015-16. This matter now falls within my portfolio.

Your eligibility for Outcome Agreement Grant is assessed in two parts. Part 1 is assessed against the Outcome Agreement you developed and agreed with the Welsh Government. This focuses on five outcomes aligned to our Programme for Government. This accounts for 70% of the grant award. I have reviewed Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council's performance in 2013-14 and conclude you have qualified for the full 70%.

Part 2 accounts for the remaining 30% and is based on an assessment of the corporate health of the authority. In making such an assessment, my officials form a judgement against the criteria set out in the Guidance as to whether an authority might be required to use part or all of the 30% component to fund a support package.

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council is not currently subject to support under Part 2 of the Outcome Agreement Guidance and, under the terms of the Guidance therefore qualifies for the 30% component of the Grant. This allocation is conditional. If Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council's is subject to intervention, or is required to accept a support package under the terms of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009, you would be required to fund any such programme from your Outcome Agreement Grant. The funding would be deducted from the Outcome Agreement Grant for the year or years in which the intervention or support takes place.

As Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council has qualified for the full Grant under Parts 1 and 2 of the Outcome Agreement Guidance, my officials will shortly make a payment of £1,469,000 to your Council.

I am paying this Outcome Agreement Grant using my powers in section 28 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009.

I am copying this letter to your Chief Executive, Steve Phillips.

Yours sincerely, *Best wishes,*



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