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Dear Mr Edwards,

Re: Policy Review of Public Transport

Thank you for your letter of 6th August 2001 and for the opportunity to comment on the Policy review.

The Council supports the recommendations. The quality kite mark, for example, will aid the development and marketing of Quality Bus Partnership across Wales.

On the issue of options for organisational change, the development of existing arrangements is believed to offer the most appropriate measure of developing public transport in Wales. In this regard, the Council endorses the WLGA's response to the review. The North Wales Local Authorities have shown themselves to be effective in working together in the past, particularly on railway issues. Examples of this include ensuring OPRAF amended initial PSRs to safeguard the through train service between Holyhead and Cardiff, achieving the raising of the maximum line speed on the North Wales Coast Main Line and lobbying Virgin Trains to improve through services between North Wales and London. More recent developments include the current Taith Package Bid incorporating proposals to roll out real time information across North Wales, introduce smart card and develop demand responsive transport at key employment locations.

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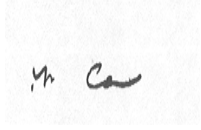
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The Council firmly believes that working in partnership with the other members of the Taith consortium, the public transport operators and the National Assembly for Wales will be the most effective means of achieving the Assembly's vision for public transport in Wales.

Yours sincerely

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