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Reserves Analysis

I am writing in response to your request for information dated 23 December 2021 in which you requested information regarding graph analysis in our Financial Sustainability reports.

For ease of reference, I have reproduced your questions below in bold and set out our corresponding response:

I've noticed this graph in one of your Financial Sustainability Reports

Do you have a full graph/table analysis available showing all 22 authorities positions relative to each other? I notice this table/graph doesn't seem to be presented in all the reports you've done this year.

I have liaised with relevant audit colleagues and confirm that a data tool with the information requested is being developed, and subject to checking, due to be published on the <u>Audit Wales website</u> the first week of February 2022.

Under s22(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 we are not obliged to provide information that is due for future publication. I am not aware of any pressing public interest in providing the information earlier than the expected publication date and the information is currently subject to clearance by the relevant bodies and checking.

In the meantime, it may be helpful to set out that a graph and/or table analysis with a comparison with other councils of Wales is publicly available on the Audit Wales website in the following reports:

Pages 10-11 <u>Wrexham County Borough Council – Financial Sustainability Assessment (audit.wales)</u>

Page 10 <u>Financial Sustainability Assessment – Denbighshire County</u> Council (audit.wales)

Pages 9-10 <u>Isle of Anglesey County Council – Financial Sustainability</u> Assessment (audit.wales)

Page 10 <u>Gwynedd Council – Financial Sustainability Assessment</u> (audit.wales)

Pages 10-11 <u>Financial Sustainability Assessment - Conwy County</u> Borough Council (audit.wales)

Page 10 <u>Financial Sustainability Assessment - Flintshire County Council</u> (audit.wales)

Pages 10-11 <u>Financial Sustainability Assessment - Torfaen County</u> <u>Borough Council (audit.wales)</u>

Pages 10-11 Newport City Council – Financial Sustainability Assessment (audit.wales)

Pages 11-12 <u>Financial Sustainability Assessment - Caerphilly County</u> <u>Borough Council (audit.wales)</u>

Page 11 <u>Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council – Financial Sustainability Assessment (audit.wales)</u>

Page 11 <u>Financial Sustainability Assessment – Monmouthshire County</u> Council (audit.wales)

Page 11 <u>Financial Sustainability Assessment – Rhondda Cynon Taf</u> County Borough Council (audit.wales)

Page 11 Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council – Financial Sustainability Assessment (audit.wales)

Page 10 <u>Financial Sustainability Assessment - Vale of Glamorgan Council</u> (audit.wales)

Pages 12-13 <u>Cardiff Council – Financial Sustainability Assessment</u> (<u>audit.wales</u>)

Pages 10-11 <u>Bridgend County Borough Council – Financial Sustainability</u> Assessment (audit.wales)

Page 11 <u>Powys County Council – Financial Sustainability Assessment</u> (<u>audit.wales</u>)

Page 11 <u>Ceredigion County Council – Financial Sustainability</u> Assessment (audit.wales)

Page 9 Neath Port Talbot Council – Financial Sustainability Assessment (audit.wales)

Page 10 Pembrokeshire County Council – Financial Sustainability Assessment (audit.wales)

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I must also refer you to section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act under which you may apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether or not your request has been dealt with in accordance with the Act. The Information Commissioner's contact details are:

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You should note, however, that the Information Commissioner will not ordinarily investigate a complaint until the internal review process has been exhausted. Further guidance may be found on the Information Commissioner's website: https://ico.org.uk/

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Information Officer