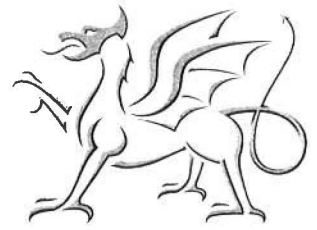


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Dear Leighton

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You recently asked an AQ of Edwina Hart on the possible development of a community asset management divisional plan for Wales. She has asked me to answer the question as the subject falls within my portfolio.

The Assembly requires local authorities in Wales to produce asset management plans (AMPs) that will make an assessment of the value, age and condition of all assets held. The first AMPs are due for completion by April 2004. They will include a section on property utilisation and alternative usage. Since the plans are still being formulated there is no information available yet as to the form any alternative usage might take.

Each authority is required to produce a plan, but there is no requirement for them to be produced at any lower level of detail than that.

Yours

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