

Guidance to councils re: sale of primary schools

21 August 2013

Further to my letter of 9 August 2013, I am now in a position to respond to your request for information set out in your letter of 4 August 2013.

The Auditor General for Wales (Wales Audit Office) has not issued any guidance to County Councils with regard to the sale of former County Primary Schools. We do not hold information as to whether County Councils could sell closed schools at below market valuation to a not for profit community group or community association where there was a community benefit.

Your letter sets out that you would welcome receipt of other information on this matter. Although it is not directly related to the subject matter of your request, I have enclosed a copy of the Local Government Act 1972: General Disposal Consent (Wales) 2003. It contains information regarding the disposal of land in Wales by authorities for less than best consideration, which may be of wider interest to you.

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

Yours sincerely

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