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Dear Janet,

Thank you for your further letter of 18 April regarding your Committee's current consideration of the petition from RAY Ceredigion about funding for play.

I note that the Committee has asked for consideration to be given to an enhancement of any guidance which accompanies any future Welsh Government grant for play purposes to ensure that local voluntary organisations receive "sufficient benefit" from such funding.

Although not specified within grant terms and conditions, at times when funding has been available, my officials have always ensured that related communication with the local authorities has encouraged them to consider working with their local third sector partners. It is a matter of balance when determining the formal scope of any funding to ensure that the potential outcomes meet with national policy intentions whilst providing local authorities with the ability to use their local discretion in line with their Play Sufficiency Assessment duties. However, I would like to reassure the Committee that my officials will bear this request in mind should further resources for play become available in the future.

Yours sincerely,

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