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*Dear Christine,*

**COMMUNITIES, EQUALITY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE – UPDATE ON ACTIONS ARISING FROM MEETING ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2015**

You will recall that during my attendance at the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee meeting on 16 September 2015 I agreed to provide you with updates on a number of key policy priorities.

One of these key areas related to the work that has been undertaken in evaluating best practice from across Europe in levering in alternative sources of funding for the arts.

I am now pleased to provide a copy of the report on this area that has been prepared by the Arts Council of Wales.

I would also refer to another of the action points from the 16 September meeting where I agreed to provide you with an update on the situation regarding the impact of funding and the performance of Arts & Business Cymru (A&BC). This work is well in hand and a report has been completed and shared with A&BC on 20 October.

A&BC are currently considering their response to the content and recommendations of the report while my officials are considering how best to take forward its recommendations, in consultation with ACW.

These deliberations are at a very early stage although all parties are aware of the need to identify a suitable way forward as a matter of urgency.

A further update on this action will be provided in due course.

*Yours ever,  
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