

Appendix 1

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Minister for Public Services



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Dear Bryan,

I am pleased to inform you that the review into Welsh Government funding for the community and town council sector which I wrote to you about last September has been concluded. I am grateful for the contribution One Voice Wales has made to the process.

The main finding was that there is a case for continued policy intervention in the sector and also for continued investment in One Voice Wales. A copy of the report is enclosed for your information.

The review took account of the impact of Local Government reform on community and town councils as well as the continuing challenge faced by these councils in responding to the wider public services agenda. Having considered other options for supporting the sector, the report makes a clear recommendation that in the current context, One Voice Wales provides the most cost effective support structure.

In the light of these recommendations, I intend, in principle, to continue Welsh Government funding of £93,000 for One Voice Wales for the next three financial years. This funding will be subject to the timely submission of the annual One Voice Wales Corporate Strategy and Operational Delivery Plan for 2016-17. The final plan will need to be submitted to officials by Friday 5 February 2016 at the very latest.

This core funding is intended to assist you to carry out activities in line with your mission statement and core aims. In order to put in place a required level of accountability for the funding that you receive from Welsh Government, you will need to work with officials to develop key targets based on these activities. These targets will form the basis for light

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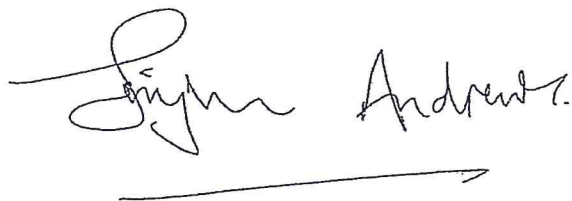
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touch quarterly monitoring. They will need to be agreed before 5 February and will form a part of your submission for funding.

Claire Germain, Head of Local Government Partnerships Policy Team (tel: 029 20826746) will be in touch to provide further detail of the new arrangements and the steps required in order to ensure a timely proposal is submitted.

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