

Dafydd Elis-Thomas
Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism
Welsh Government

9 March 2021

Dear Dafydd,

UK Government additional funding for culture

Further to the announcement of the UK Budget, I would like to join you in welcoming the news that additional funding will be provided to the devolved nations in light of the UK Government's investment of £300 million in the Culture Recovery Fund in England.

Could you please confirm what Wales's share of this funding is, whether you are satisfied that this represents a full Barnett consequential and whether the totality of the amount allocated will be committed to the Cultural Recovery Fund in Wales?

We know that this sector suffered a devastating loss of income since the pandemic started almost a year ago. Considering that the full resumption of activity could still be some months away, I would like your assurance that the total sum of monies allocated to Wales will be used to support the cultural sector without delay.

I would also be grateful if you could update the Committee setting out how the Welsh Government will prioritise the additional funding to ensure that our cultural organisations are not forced to close their doors for good or make valued employees redundant.

You have previously explained to the Committee that the funding allocated to the Cultural Recovery Fund is not sufficient to meet the needs of the sector. Are you



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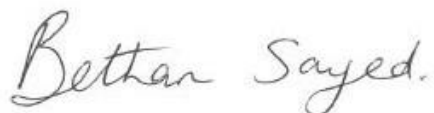
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therefore planning on allocating additional resources to the Cultural Recovery Fund, in addition to the latest Barnett consequential?

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your Department on all that you have done throughout this pandemic. I know you will agree that all available funding should be directed to the sector and distributed as soon as possible to those organisations and individuals whose livelihoods are at risk.

I look forward to receiving your response.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bethan Sayed".

Bethan Sayed

Chair of the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee

