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Eich cyf/Your ref P-06-1485  
Ein cyf/Our ref HIDCC/10810/24

Carolyn Thomas MS  
Chair - Petitions committee

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### **Petition P-06-1485 – Introduction of a Toy Network in Wales**

Dear Carolyn

Thank you for your further correspondence concerning the petition from Bleddyn Lake asking Welsh Government to work with all relevant groups in Wales to introduce a national network of toy libraries.

I am aware that my colleague, the Minister for Children and Social Care, has provided a comprehensive response on the collaborative work being undertaken and the Welsh Government support which recognises the great value we place on play and its importance in the lives of children in Wales.

Beyond Recycling set out our ambition to transition to a circular economy in Wales. This is why we have been supporting the rapid growth of repair and re-use facilities in Wales, with Repair Cafés, Benthylg 'libraries of things' and repair and re-use hubs being rolled out across Wales. These facilities are not only helping communities and individuals to tackle the climate and nature crisis, but also provide vital support from the cost-of-living crisis. Ultimately, we want to see re-use and repair as mainstream and as normalised as recycling is today.

Through our Circular Economy Fund we have supported a range of repair and re-use projects across Wales in collaboration with local authorities and third sector partners in recent years. The CEF has also helped deliver our Programme for Government commitments with the creation of over 50 repair and reuse hubs, which includes those located in town centres.

As we are moving towards national coverage of our re-use hubs at household waste recycling centres, we are in the process of evaluating the CEF fund and considering its future and the types of initiatives we would like to support. We are always open to hearing about ideas such the potential for a toy network in Wales.

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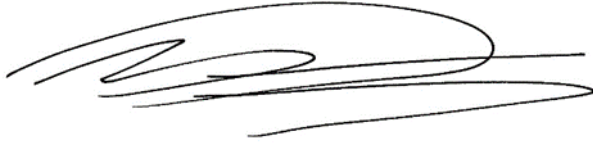
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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I will ensure this suggestion is fed into the consideration being given to any future round of CEF funding.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several fluid, overlapping loops and strokes, positioned below the text 'Yours sincerely,'.

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