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Eich cyf/Your ref P-06-1526
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Dear Carolyn,

Thank you for your further correspondence regarding Petition P-06-1526: "Save Grassroots Sports – Welsh Government Must Step In!", informing me that the petition has now closed, and highlighting again the issues it raised regarding funding for grassroots sport.

As I outlined in my initial response, the Welsh Government has provided significant sums of money via Sport Wales this year to provide support for grassroots sport. This includes many of the areas the petitioner outlines in his update such as energy costs and maintenance of facilities. As part of 2025-26 Final Budget Settlement, we are also providing Local authorities with £6.1 billion in core revenue funding and non-domestic rates to spend on delivering key services. I am pleased that the petitioner's local authority has reversed its decision regarding pitch fees, which is a strong sign of the local accountability and decision-making processes I drew attention to in my initial response.

Thank you again for providing me with an update to this petition.

Yours sincerely,

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