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Minister for Lifelong Learning & Welsh Language

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Dear Minister

Inquiry into Youth Work

The Committee has been made aware of correspondence between your officials and the Council for Wales of Voluntary Youth Organisations (CWVYS) stating that its grant will expire on 31 March 2017. You will understand that the Committee has serious concerns about these developments and is seeking urgent clarification about the decision you have made.

When you attended the Committee's meeting on 12 October, you informed us that the previous Minister had commissioned work exploring future models for youth work provision. You said you would discuss the issues with the Ministerial youth work reference group in December – your first meeting with the group – before making a decision on a future model.

On 31 October CWVYS was issued with the letter informing it that it will not receive grant funding for the financial year 2017–18.

In the light of these developments, the Committee would be grateful if you could answer the following questions –

- 1) On what date did you decide that CWVYS would not receive funding for 2017–18?
- 2) What discussions took place with CWVYS, the youth work reference group or the wider sector before you took that decision?




- 3) On what evidence did you base your decision not to fund CWVYS for 2017-18?
- 4) Why did you change your mind about waiting until December to take a decision on a future model?
- 5) What plans do you have for an alternative provision to undertake the functions of CWVYS?
- 6) Why was it necessary to make the decision before the Committee had concluded its inquiry into Youth Work?

You will be attending a meeting of the Committee on 10 November to discuss the draft Budget. The Committee may wish to ask further questions on this issue during that meeting. Therefore, I would be grateful if you could respond to this letter by the end of Monday 7 November.

I have copied this letter to the Cabinet Secretary as a courtesy, as she will be attending the meeting on 10 November with you.

Yours Sincerely



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Cc Cabinet Secretary for Education

