

28 March 2017

Y Pwyllgor Cydraddoldeb, Llywodraeth Leol a Chymunedau
Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee
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Dear Cabinet Secretary

Communities First Funding

We recently met with staff from the four Communities First clusters in Newport. This was part of the Committee's on-going consideration of the decision to close down the Communities First programme.

It was our understanding based on the oral evidence you give to the Committee in February, that the funding levels would be retained until June 2017:

"I made the announcement on Tuesday to start a transition period, which was about fully funding the programme until June with a 70 per cent profile over the first 12 months of business."¹

However, during discussions with staff they indicated that funding would be reduced from April.

¹ ELGC Committee, 15 February 2017, RoP [15]



We would appreciate if you could provide us with clarity on when the funding levels will be reduced.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John". The letters are cursive and connected.

John Griffiths AM

Chair, Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

