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Simon Thomas AM  
Chair  
Finance Committee  
National Assembly for Wales  
Cardiff Bay  
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28 March 2018

Dear Simon,

I am writing to update you about the Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme. This has been published today, in line with the Welsh Government's commitment, set out at section 92 of the Landfill Disposals Tax (Wales) Act 2017, to prepare and publish a scheme by 1 April 2018.

I wrote to you in December to let you know that the Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) had been appointed to run the scheme from April 2018. My officials have worked closely with the WCVA to develop the details of the scheme, which are attached for your information.

The scheme will fund projects, which support biodiversity, waste minimisation and the diversion of waste from landfill, and other environmental enhancements. The overall aim of the scheme is to support communities affected by the disposal of waste to landfill. Specifically, it will support three types of projects:

- **Biodiversity** – conservation and promotion of a specific species or a specific habitat where it naturally occurs;
- **Waste minimisation and the diversion of waste from landfill** – promoting awareness and best practice to reduce the amount of waste produced;
- **Environmental enhancements** – bringing wider community benefits by improving quality of place.

Applications for the scheme will be sought in two funding rounds each financial year. Calls for grant proposals will be issued in the spring and autumn, approximately six months apart. The first call for proposals will launch during May 2018. The scheme will offer grants in the range of £5,000 to £50,000, with one significant project per year being offered funding of up to £250,000.

Hannah Blythyn, Minister for Environment, will have Ministerial responsibility for the scheme once it is operational and the scheme's budget will form part of the Environment MEG.

I am grateful to the Finance Committee for your support for this scheme during the passage of the Landfill Disposals Tax (Wales) Act and trust you will find this update helpful.

I am copying this letter to the chair of the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted to the right.

**Mark Drakeford AM/AC**

Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Gyllid

Cabinet Secretary for Finance