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Eich cyf/Your ref P-06-1366
Ein cyf/Our ref LW/02315/23

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Dear Jack,

Thank you for your correspondence of 22 September regarding 'Petition P-06-1366 Reinstate funding for Taf Valley Coaches 351 (Tenby to Pendine) and 352 (Tenby to Kilgetty) services'.

I was sorry to hear of the decision by Taf Valley Coaches to withdraw these two local bus services, especially given the additional funding we have provided since the start of the Covid pandemic to help local authorities and operators maintain local bus services. This including my latest award of £46m announced on 16 June ([Deputy Minister confirms majority of bus services will be protected thanks to £46m fund | GOV.WALES](#)) to the end of this financial year covering both the Bus Emergency Scheme and its replacement the Bus Transition Fund to prevent the wholesale cancellation of services. By the end of this financial year, we will have spent over £200m supporting the bus industry since the onset of the pandemic.

I have asked Transport for Wales to work closely with local authorities across Wales to identify and prioritise bus routes for continued support, and this will include a careful look at these two routes.

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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.

This work will help us to prepare detailed plans for improved bus services in each region to help us transition to the new system of bus franchising which I hope to introduce through the new Wales Bus Bill into the Senedd in 2024.

Yours sincerely

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