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*Dear Simon,*

I am writing to provide you with an update on the appointment of a distributive body for the Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme.

On 8 September, the Welsh Government published the invitation to tender for the appointment of a distributive body. Following a competitive tender process, I am delighted to announce that the Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) have been appointed to run the Scheme from April 2018. This marks a real change from the existing UK Landfill Communities Fund and, through having a single distributive body, brings the LDT Communities Scheme closer to those communities affected by the disposal of waste to landfill. I am grateful to the Finance Committee for your support for this during the passage of the legislation.

As part of the draft Budget 2018-19, I committed to allocate £1.5m (£1.4m project funding and £100k for the distributive body's administration costs) per annum to the Scheme for the next four years to uphold our commitment to communities affected by the disposal of waste to landfill. This provides a stable funding stream to those communities for the next four years even though Landfill Disposals Tax revenue is expected to reduce in this period.

Over the next few months officials will be working with WCVA to finalise the details of the Scheme in readiness for the publication of the Scheme by 1 April 2018 in line with our legislative commitment at section 92 of the Landfill Disposals Tax (Wales) Act. Following the Scheme launch in April 2018, responsibility for the Scheme will hand over to my colleague Hannah Blythyn, Minister for Environment and the budget for the Scheme will form part of the Environment MEG.

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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.

Officials have also been working with HMRC to ensure that any projects in Wales currently supported by the Landfill Communities Fund will not be adversely affected by the new arrangements. A two year transitional period has been agreed which will allow current Welsh projects time to be completed and for any remaining Landfill Communities Funds to be spent. The transitional period will run from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2020.

Best wishes,

Mark

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