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Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism

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Dear Deputy Minister

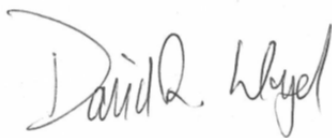
Welsh Government Draft Budget 2021-22

In line with our usual practice, I am writing in advance of the publication of the Welsh Government's Draft Budget 2021-22 to request written information to inform the Committee's scrutiny.

We note the Welsh Government's intention to publish the Draft Budget on 21 December 2020, and we would like to hold an oral evidence session with you early in the New Year. The Clerk will liaise with your office about dates.

To assist with our preparations, I would be grateful to receive the detailed information outlined in the Annexe to this letter, along with any other information that you wish to provide, by Tuesday 22 December.

Yours sincerely



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Annexe 1

Request for information from the Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism from the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee to inform scrutiny of the draft budget 2021-22

Commentary on Actions and detail of Budget Expenditure Line (BEL) allocations

- A breakdown of the 2021-22 International Relations and the Welsh Language MEG allocations which relate to sport and physical activity (by Spending Programme Area, Action and Budget Expenditure Line (BEL)).
- Indicative 2022-23 International Relations and the Welsh Language MEG allocations which relate to sport and physical activity.
- Commentary on each of the Actions relating to sport and physical activity within the International Relations and the Welsh Language MEG, including an analysis and explanation of changes between the Draft Budget 2021-22 and the First Supplementary Budget (May 2020).

In addition to the four usual themes of value for money, prioritisation, preventative spending and affordability, the Committee would particularly like to receive information on the following (where not already covered in the commentary on each Action):

- What impact Covid-19 has had on the provision of and participation in sport and physical activity and the priorities and allocations to address any impact.
- The funding allocated to Sport Wales, and progress made in monitoring effectiveness of Sport Wales' use of funding.
- The Welsh Government's priorities for sport and physical activity for the next three years, and allocations/projected spend for delivery of these.
- What evidence has driven the Welsh Government's setting of priorities and proposed budget for sport and physical activity.
- Evidence of how the Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015 and five ways of working have influenced the budget allocations for sport and physical activity.
- Evidence of how the Welsh Government's priorities and allocations for sport and physical activity contribute to the Welsh Government's equality objectives and ensure equality of access.
- The Committee is particularly interested in receiving details of how the budget will support:
 - increasing physical activity among children and young people in Wales;
 - the wider preventative agenda;
 - joint working between sport, public health and other partners.

On this last point, and taking into consideration the impact of Covid-19 this year, the Committee would be interested in any update you are able to provide on Recommendations 13 and 14 contained in our [report](#) on last year's Draft Budget.

