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Dear colleague,

In June 2019, I hosted an event with PSBs to explore the relationship between procurement and your respective wellbeing plans and feedback received from the event was positive.

As you will be aware, we are adopting a proven approach to deliver community wealth building across Wales. The approach being taken is through progressive procurement, where if we optimise our leverage within our supply chains, we can maximise the benefits to our citizens in Wales. The project is being funded by Welsh Government, and is being led by The Centre for Local Economic Strategies (CLES). My officials will also be in support and will offer assistance throughout.

To further progress this work we asked you to indicate whether or not you would be interested in receiving this bespoke and specialised package of support and to indicate your priorities for delivering community wealth building through procurement and how these support the Foundational Economy; and your readiness to engage with the project.

At that time, a number of PSBs volunteered to be part of the initial work with CLES. I am sorry for the delay in sending a follow up response to you but like most public sector organisations our priority has and continues to be our response to the Covid-19 crisis. **We understand that circumstances may have changed since your original agreement to be part of the project, therefore it would be helpful if you could respond letting me know if you are able to re-start the work with us over the next few weeks to recommence the project.**

I firmly believe that building resilience and sustainability into supply chains in Wales has become even more important as we begin preparations for recovery from this pandemic. Indeed, enhancing the Foundational Economy remains a central plank of the Programme for Government. We know that there will be some sectors that will be severely impacted by this crisis and there will need to be serious conversations about

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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.

Welsh public spending, You are key stakeholders in maintaining and growing your local economies; you will have a significant part to play in helping to plug the holes in our sectors across Wales and you will agree that spending data analysis is critical to establish the routes for supply and demand as part of this work, for ensuring your communities have access to good products and services. My officials, working with CLES, will undertake this analysis and require your active participation, which will be vital to its success.

I look forward to your earliest reply.

I am also copying this letter to the Public Service Boards what chose not to take part in the work being taken forward in partnership with CLES for their information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lee', with a long vertical stroke extending upwards from the top of the 'L'.

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