

Rhodri Talfan Davies,  
Director  
BBC Cymru Wales

14 January 2019

Dear Rhodri,

### **National Broadcast Archive for Wales**

The Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee has been discussing the National Library of Wales' bid for funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund for a National Broadcast Archive for Wales.

At our meeting on 10 January we discussed the proposal with the Welsh Government's Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism. He confirmed that the BBC has committed funding to this project, which would see the BBC archives available to the people of Wales. He also said that he would be meeting the BBC within the next two weeks to discuss the level of support.

We understand that the BBC has committed £20,000 annually from 2024, plus approximately £40,000 of in-kind support. Can you confirm these figures?

The Deputy Minister told the Committee he felt that the support from the BBC to establish the Archive in Wales should be proportionate to the funding for the BBC Archive Centre in Perivale, which received £9 million from the BBC.

There are a number of issues which the Committee would like to pursue to gain a better understanding of the role of the BBC in this proposal. The funding bid will need to be signed off by the National Library at their Board meeting in February in order to meet the HLF deadline for this financial year.

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**National Assembly for Wales**  
Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee

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Given the timing of these meetings and the imminent deadline for the bid, would you be available to attend our meeting between 09.30 and 10.30 on 24 January to discuss these issues? With apologies for the short notice,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bethan Sayed." The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned centrally below the text "Yours sincerely,".

Bethan Sayed

**Chair of the Committee**