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Lesley Griffiths MS

Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd

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Dear Minister,

As you will be aware, the Food (Wales) Bill was introduced to the Senedd by Peter Fox MS on Monday 12 December. The Bill has been referred to our Committee for Stage 1 scrutiny.

You have previously made clear that the Welsh Government does not support the Bill. During questions on 25 May 2022 you referred to the *Community Food Strategy* as a vehicle to bring forward proposals found within the Bill:

.... the Welsh Government is not backing Peter Fox's food Bill. Peter and I have met, and Peter's very well aware of the reasons why we're not backing the food Bill. I believe a lot of Peter's suggestions, which are very good, we can do without legislation, and I'd be very happy to continue to work with him and with Plaid Cymru as part of the co-operation agreement, taking forward the community food strategy, which I think will encompass a lot of the proposals in Peter Fox's Bill.

The Explanatory Memorandum to the Bill notes this commitment and highlights there is little information currently available on the *Community Food Strategy*.

We note the information on the Strategy provided in your paper to us in June 2022. However, for the Committee and our stakeholders to better understand the Welsh Government's plans in this policy area, to inform the Bill's scrutiny, we would welcome



updated details on the *Community Food Strategy* and any other relevant developing policy work.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Davies". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P'.

Paul Davies MS

Chair: Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

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