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Dear Delyth,

Thank you for your support last night in ensuring the situation around the accidental publication of the Culture Strategy Interim Report was quickly resolved.

I am of course concerned that this error happened. It is unfortunate that an internal working document which had not been shared further than our Steering Group has now been in the public domain. This could lead to difficult conversations with trusted partners who have not yet had an opportunity to comment on the content of the strategy.

Moving forward, I believe it best that we adopt a protocol of only sharing published documents with the Committee. I remain eager to ensure we maintain a constructive and positive relationship with the Committee and hope that our regular meetings will provide the appropriate mechanism for discussing issues which are not yet in the public domain.

Yours sincerely,

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