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Dear Mike

### **Outcome of the Interministerial Group (IMG) for Culture and Creative Industries**

In accordance with the inter-institutional relations agreement, the first meeting of the Culture and Creative Industries Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) was held virtually on 2 May 2024. As lead Cabinet Secretary for this IMG I attended the meeting on behalf of the Welsh Government.

The Rt Hon Lucy Frazer KC, former Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, attended for the former UKG and chaired the meeting. Gordon Lyons MLA, Minister for Communities, attended for the Northern Ireland Executive and Angus Robertson MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, attended for the Scottish Government.

The group agreed the Terms of Reference before discussing upcoming major cultural domestic and international events across the Devolved Governments. It was recognised securing visas for artists and performers smoothly would be essential to the success of many of these events.

The current funding pressures and financial challenges the cultural and creative sector is experiencing was discussed. Members reinforced with the UK Government the importance of respecting and applying out-of-London and out-of-England television production targets.

Members discussed published and upcoming culture strategies across the four nations, recognising the opportunities for sharing best practice.

Areas to celebrate were highlighted including the continued success of the screen industry in all four nations, increased tax relief for creative industries announced at the latest Budget, early successes across the UK from initiatives introduced under the Creative Industries Sector Vision, and the positive reception to adding screen studies to the Scottish school curriculum.

Members agreed to share best practice and learning to help the sector overcome the challenges it currently faces.

The Scottish Government offered to host the next meeting and officials will now work together to identify a specific date and suitable agenda items.

I am also copying this letter to Rebecca Evans MS, Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Cabinet Office, the Rt Hon Elin Jones MS Llywydd and the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee.

Yours sincerely,



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