



**Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government**

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Chair
Local Government & Housing Committee

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Dear John,

I am writing to update you on the Community Asset Commission following the publication of my Written Statement on the subject this morning.

I can confirm that Welsh Government, in partnership with Ystadau Cymru, has established a Community Asset Commission. This was in response to recommendations made by the Local Government and Housing Committee following an inquiry about community assets.

The commission started work in March of this year and has taken the form of a task and finish group. The group has 18 members, representing key stakeholder groups, including the Plunkett Foundation, One Voice Wales, the Wales Council for Voluntary Action, the Development Trusts Association Wales and Barcud Housing Association.

Its work will focus on local facilities which bring people together, including art centres, libraries, museums, green spaces and leisure centres. Assets may take the form of land, building or natural assets which are in the public, private or voluntary sector. Those under community ownership are all within scope.

Independent academic research and thematic stakeholder workshops will be conducted by Cardiff University. They start this week and will run throughout the Autumn and Winter. These will allow the commission to review the challenges faced by community groups including barriers around ownership and management and will scope proposals to take the community asset agenda further forward.

For further information, the commission's terms of reference are published on the Ystadau Cymru website at www.gov.wales/ystadau-cymru.

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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.

I would be very happy to discuss the structure and progress of the Commission during the general scrutiny session on 10th October, and I very much look forward to speaking to the Committee then.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jayne Bryant". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jayne Bryant AS/MS

Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Lywodraeth Leol a Tai
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