

Jack Sargeant MS
Minister for Culture, Skills and Social
Partnership
Welsh Government

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Dear Jack,

Funding for Wrexham AFC

I write in relation to press reports that Welsh Government funding will be used to develop Wrexham AFC's stadium, to seek clarification as to the appropriateness of this use of public money.

As a committee, we understand that the Welsh Government provided funding to Wrexham County Borough Council, who subsequently gave Wrexham AFC £18 million, in the form of a non-repayable grant.

An expert quoted in the press has drawn attention to how unusual it is for governments to fund such developments through non-repayable grants, and has said that any such funding would be expected to cover non-commercially viable projects, which does not appear to be the case in this instance.

I would be very grateful if you could please provide the following information, specifically:

What provisions were included when the Welsh Government provided this funding to Wrexham Council around using this funding (including its use for commercially viable projects)? How has the Welsh Government obtained, or will the Welsh Government obtain, assurance that these provisions have been met?

Copies of the business case (or the equivalent document) for, and any Ministerial Advice provided around, this funding.

As a committee, we have long called for better funding of sport, in recognition that government funding of sport in Wales is currently among the lowest in Europe. It is vital that any money that is

spent represents good value to the public purse, and is not duplicating investment that could otherwise be made by the commercial sector.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair

Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport and International Relations Committee

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.