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Janet Finch-Saunders MS

Chair, Petitions Committee

3 March 2021

Dear Janet

Thank you for your letter of 16 February regarding financial support for pet boarding businesses.

Unfortunately, the Welsh Government does not deem kennels and catteries eligible for the non domestic rates (NDR) system linked Restrictions Business Fund grants. However, it will be for local authorities to determine if businesses are similar in nature to those or not.

Although kennels and catteries are not eligible for non-domestic rates (NDR) system linked Restrictions Business Fund Grants, discretionary support will continue to be available through local authorities in Wales for businesses not on the NDR system who are materially impacted. Discretionary grants of up to £2,000 will be available and it will be for local authorities to determine applications. Further information is available at;

<https://businesswales.gov.wales/coronavirus-advice/restrictions-business-fund-local-authorities>

In addition, alternative funding can be accessed such as the UK Government Bounce Back Loans <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-a-coronavirus-bounce-back-loan> and the Development Bank of Wales has loan and equity funding available immediately to Welsh businesses <https://developmentbank.wales/>

We will continue to do all we can to support Welsh businesses through these incredibly difficult times and consider options beyond the current package of support.

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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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke above the letters.

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