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Dear Delyth,

The Committee will be aware of the ongoing work to review the relationship between Cadw and the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales (RCAHMW). This implements one of the recommendations in the [Cadw Governance Review](#), to which we responded earlier this year. The two organisations are jointly conducting the review, prioritising openness and collaboration throughout the process.

The review is considering all options to enhance the relationship between Cadw and the RCAHMW, ranging from closer alignment of work programmes to full amalgamation within the Welsh Government. Steffan Roberts, Deputy Director Arts and Sports, Welsh Government, chairs a working group to lead the review. It includes Cadw and the RCAHMW Chief Executives and Chairs and appropriate Union representatives. Carole Souter has also been invited to join the group as an independent heritage expert. She has a wealth of experience within the sector and is currently the Chair of Trustees of [The Heritage Alliance](#).

Carole is holding discussions and workshops with organisations and individuals within the heritage sector to gather perspectives on the options for the future relationship between Cadw and the RCAHMW. I would be delighted if the Committee would like to engage with Carole and share any views. This engagement could take place either in writing or in a private Committee session. Carole hopes to complete the stakeholder engagement in January 2025, since I am eager to identify the preferred option early next year.

Carole will contact the Committee clerk to discuss the most effective way for the Committee to feed into the process.

Yours sincerely,

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