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Dear David,

Thank you for your letter of 24 July in which you have requested an update on the developments of the Welsh Government's new approach to building resilient communities.

The Welsh Government is taking a whole-government approach to building resilient communities and will be focusing this work on the three key areas of early years, employability and empowerment.

My officials are currently working with colleagues inside and outside government to determine those areas that we feel will have the greatest impact on the resilience of our communities, using them as key "building blocks" to focus our action. We will work with those areas across government that have an influence on these key building blocks to support, strengthen, and where appropriate build on what they and their delivery partners do, using the Wellbeing of Future generations Act's five Ways of Working as an underpinning.

A key part of this work will be centred on looking at "empowerment" as a crucial underpinning to both improving the wellbeing of our communities and helping the effectiveness of our service delivery.

As part of this work, over the coming months, we will be working with partners across all sectors, including community organisations, to create consensus around the approaches we should be adopting; the things we need in place; and the roles we all need to play in order to create an environment that empowers our communities.

To inform our approach we will also be working with our colleagues in the academic world, drawing on the evidence and learning from past programmes and models as well as using

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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.

current programmes like the Valleys Task Force as an opportunity to test new ways of working.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carl Sargeant". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned centrally below the text "Yours sincerely,".

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