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National Assembly for Wales
Children, Young People and Education Committee

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Welsh Government

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Dear Huw

Children and Families Delivery Grant

The Children, Young People and Education Committee met on 2 May to consider its forward work programme, and discussed areas of work it wished to take forward. One of those areas related to the Children and Families Delivery Grant (CDAG). However, before undertaking any work on this, the Committee would first like an update from you on the current position.

When introduced by the Welsh Government in 2014, the CDAG sought to rationalise the awarding of grants in this area by introducing a bidding process. This resulted in the subsequent awarding of nearly £9 million funding to five main recipients. It also led to the withdrawal of funding for Funky Dragon and Play Wales, the latter of which we know was reversed.

The grant was scheduled to run from 2014–17 but Welsh Government then announced the grant for Children in Wales would temporarily continue until March 2018. In a response to a Written Assembly Question in June 2017, the then Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children indicated that funding for two organisations had been extended:

'WAQ73728: The Children and Families Delivery Grant was scheduled to expire on 30 September 2017. Two of the 5 funded projects, namely CWLWM (Childcare Wales Learning and Working Mutually) and Children in Wales, have been extended for a further 6 months to 31 March 2018. There are no plans for a replacement programme beyond March 2018.'



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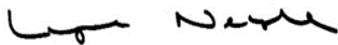
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A Welsh Government decision report of 8 January 2018 referred to the 'utilisation of the remaining funding from Children and Families Delivery Grant'. A subsequent Welsh Government decision report on 3 March 2018 stated an intention to undertake a review into funding for Children in Wales through the Children and Families Delivery Grant.

This latest decision to review the funding for Children in Wales, and previous decisions to extend funding for two organisations beyond the original 2017 date, leaves the position with CDAG unclear, and the Committee would welcome an update from you on CDAG, including the funding that will be available through it, and to whom that funding would be provided.

We would also be grateful for the latest position on the funding for Play Wales and a copy of the evaluations of the impact of the five projects funded from 2014.

Yours sincerely



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Cadeirydd / Chair

