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Chair
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National Assembly for Wales

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Dear Lynne,

Following our meeting in November and my letter to you in February, I wanted to notify you that I have now appointed the Chair of the Interim Youth Work Board. I continue to welcome the Children, Young People, and Education Committee's valuable, detailed scrutiny of our approaches to securing youth work in Wales, and therefore believe it appropriate that you should know the outcome of the recruitment process in advance of the formal announcement; I trust you will ensure it remains confidential until then.

I will make this announcement on 29 June at the Youth Work Excellence Awards in Cardiff's Principality Stadium. This will be supported by a Written Statement that will also include details of this year's award winners. Having adopted the principles of the public appointments process, and following consideration of a number of applications from high quality candidates, I have appointed Keith Towler to the role of Chair. You'll be aware that Keith is currently the Independent Chair of the Council for Wales of Voluntary Youth Services (CWVYS), the former Children's Commissioner for Wales, and the Wales Member of the Youth Justice Board.

I met with Keith on 25 June and emphasised to him that I have high expectations for this Board and his role as Chair. Our discussion reinforced that this cannot simply be a reiteration of things that have gone before. We have the opportunity to think outside the box, and consider the best way of moving forward, as we develop a new, long term, Youth Work Strategy. Keith's skills, knowledge, and experience, will play a vital role in supporting this agenda, as we work collaboratively to secure the strategic direction for youth work in Wales.

Yours sincerely



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