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Dear Mr Francis

Thank you for your correspondence to the Deputy Minister for Health regarding fees for sports pitches and bowling greens in Carmarthenshire. Your letter has been passed to the Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism, Ken Skates AM as he has policy responsibility for matters relating to sport in Wales. I have been asked to reply.

Local authorities across Wales are currently facing considerable budgetary challenges and have to make very difficult decisions especially in respect leisure and sports facilities.

The fees local authorities charge for the use of their facilities is a matter for them but the Welsh Government is concerned about the impact increases in costs might have on clubs and individuals. We are working closely with local government, Sport Wales and other partners to find the best ways forward in these very difficult financial times.

I understand that Carmarthenshire County Council has frozen fees until March 2015 and that further consideration will be given to this matter in the context of the public consultation exercise undertaken by the Council in the summer. I can only suggest you continue your dialogue with Council officers, working with them to reach a favourable outcome for all parties.

Sincerely

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