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Dear Mr Francis

Thank you for your further e-mail of 14 October regarding fees for sports pitches and bowling greens in Carmarthenshire.

As the issues you have raised relate primarily to the provision of sport facilities, responsibility for responding falls to the Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism, Ken Skates AM, and his officials within the Sports Division of Welsh Government. The Deputy Minister also Chairs a Ministerial group within Welsh Government that is considering how best to facilitate a positive impact on physical activity levels across Wales because of its importance to delivering a healthier nation so he is well placed to receive, consider and respond to your concerns.

The Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism has made public, at the recent Sport Wales conference in Cardiff, his commitment to working with local government and other stakeholders to mitigate the impact of the budget reductions on sport and leisure services. The Deputy Minister has also hosted a conference to inform the shaping of solutions to provide and manage fit for purpose and sustainable local sport and physical activity facilities. During the conference, he spoke of the importance of appropriate and sustainable facilities to provide opportunities for people to be physically active. He also gave a commitment to develop and make available as soon as possible, a toolkit for local authorities and community groups or voluntary organisations to provide advice and best practice on asset transfers.

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Although the provision of sports and leisure facilities is a matter that rests with each local authority, I can assure you that the Welsh Government is concerned about the wider impact a reduction in provision can have on the general health and wellbeing of communities.

Sincerely

Elizabeth Rees
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