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Dear Joel

I am writing further to the commitment I made in questions to the Minister for Climate Change in Plenary on 6 October 2021 regarding what discussions the Welsh Government has had with the Community Links Association, in order to provide a new stream of funding for community transport.

Currently, Welsh Government community transport funding is either awarded directly to the Community Transport Association UK (CTA) or via our Bus Services Support Grant (BSSG). The funding awarded directly to CTA is for them to have a presence and to support and develop the sector here in Wales. BSSG is provided and distributed by the local authorities to community transport operators in their areas, according to their assessment of needs and priorities.

To date, my transport officials have not had any engagement with the *Community Links Association*. Furthermore, the CTA has confirmed to officials that they have not met with the *Community Links Association* or have any record of the Association attending any of the events which the CTA have held. However, if you would like to provide me with the appropriate contact details I will pass these on to my officials to ensure that that they are linked in to our support for community transport in Wales.

Yours sincerely

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