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Dear Ruth

Thank you to your Third Sector colleagues for meeting with me on 24 July.

I was very interested to hear about the priorities and challenges that you and the organisations that you represent continue to face. We focussed on funding and the Wales Audit Office review of the ICF fund, the future of strategic partnerships, joint working between RPBs and PSBs and citizen involvement. I am committed to promoting the Third Sector and social value organisations, and greatly value our important relationship. Our Healthier Wales initiative and Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act will make a solid foundation for a new way of working together. Closer engagement and influencing cultural change will enable quicker progress to our shared goals.

In regard to the routes to funding open to the third sector, I am keen to ensure a coordinated approach that enables the Third Sector to plan sufficiently. We will of course respond formally to the Welsh Audit Office review in due course. In relation to strategic partnerships we agreed that time is needed to bed in systemic and cultural changes to the process. I welcome your offer of support in developing the RPB's approach to self assessment and my officials will pick that up directly with you.

We agreed that you and my officials would also work together to convene a further discussion about how to make practical progress on supporting RPBs to be a fully inclusive environment.

Once again I would like to thank everybody who attended the meeting for their time and contributions.

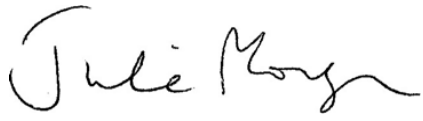
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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Julie Morgan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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