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Dear William,

Thank you for your letter of 20 January regarding the petition received from Adam Riley concerning Recommendation III of the Expert Review of Public Libraries in Wales which I launched in October 2014.

This recommendation relates to a need to produce costed options for any future provision of public library services by a local authority.

My officials at CyMAL have distributed copies of the report and its recommendations to all local authorities in Wales. Representatives from all the authorities have attended an event to disseminate information regarding the report.

In light of the petition, I will write to all local authorities, drawing their attention to this specific recommendation of the Review Report as an example of good practice in undertaking reviews and public consultation on local library services.

Yours ever,

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