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Dear Mark

Cornwall Council grant funding arrangements from April 2010

I wanted to update you on Cornwall Council's position regarding our grant funding arrangements from April 2010. We are currently awaiting confirmation of the Council's budget for 2010 which is scheduled to be presented to Cabinet on 25 February 2010.

I can confirm that we are looking to establish and fulfil the Council's current commitments to the sector to create a strategic investment plan. We will also introduce a process for small grant applications and, provide Councillors with Community Chest grants to support local community activity.

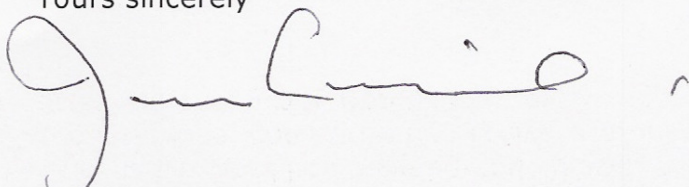
Once the budget has been agreed we will write to all the community and voluntary sector organisations who currently receive a grant from us, to update them about the funding arrangements from April and provide details about how to apply for the community grants.

Looking beyond April there will be a full review of our grants allocation process. This is part of our commitment to look at the previous arrangements of the former district and county councils and to develop a more streamlined process for 2011.

I will be leading the task group of Cornwall Councillors who will be undertaking the review and will design a new policy and process to manage future grant arrangements. These will be submitted to Cabinet for agreement in June.

We remain committed to providing support for community and voluntary sector organisations and we will keep you up to date on any changes we make communicating these through the local press, Cornwall Voluntary Sector Forum and Cornwall Council's website.

Yours sincerely



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