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Dear Eirian,

Thank you for your correspondence of 21 May and for bringing attention to Gwynedd Council's proposals in relation to Universal Basic Income. I have responsibility for taking forward the recently announced Basic Income pilot as one of the many aspects of my new role as Minister for Social Justice.

Tackling poverty and inequality in Wales is at the forefront of our priorities as a government. In its essence, Universal Basic Income is about giving people more control over their lives, alleviating poverty and having a positive effect on mental health and well-being. Our aim is to test out these claims through the proposed pilot.

A great deal of work must now be done to explore the development of the pilot. We must ensure the pilot is designed with the involvement of a variety of key stakeholders, and that it draws on the experience of Scotland and other countries around the world.

It is too soon to confirm any further details at this stage, but I would like to thank you for taking the time to bring my attention to the work you are doing in Gwynedd, which appears to align closely with this new area of policy. I hope to be in a position to share more about the pilot over the coming months.

Yours Sincerely,

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