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Dear Andrew,

I am writing in respect to a commitment made during plenary on 2 July 2014, by my predecessor, Alun Davies AM as Minister for Natural Resources and Food. Alun undertook to provide you with further information on regional consortia in south Wales, which are supported by the Welsh Government to enable more food waste to be diverted from landfill. In particular you asked for the timeline for a regional consortium covering Newport, Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan.

There is no single consortium covering Newport, Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan. Newport is part of the Tomorrow's Valley consortium which also comprises Rhondda Cynon Taff and Merthyr Tydfil councils. On 19 November 2013 the consortium awarded a 15 year contract to build and operate an anaerobic digestion facility to recycle 22,500 tonnes of food waste per annum. The facility, at Bryn Pica, Aberdare, is currently under construction and is due to commence full operations in July 2015. Once operational the facility is expected to produce bio-fertiliser and enough renewable electricity for approximately 2,000 homes.

Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan councils have formed a separate consortium to procure a treatment solution for their food waste. The procurement is in its final stages with proposals to recycle food waste into bio-fertiliser and renewable energy using anaerobic digestion. Service commencement is targeted for October 2016.

The Welsh Government has also supported the South West Wales (Pembrokeshire, Carmarthenshire, Swansea, Neath Port Talbot and Bridgend) and Heads of the Valleys (Blaenau Gwent, Torfaen and Caerphilly) food waste treatment consortia with their respective projects to secure long-term food waste treatment services.

Following the withdrawal of a company in March, which was at that time in the final stages of negotiation prior to financial close, both hubs have been working with the Welsh Government to agree a new procurement approach. The former Minister for Natural

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Resources and Food recently approved in-principle funding to support new projects and discussions are continuing with the local authorities involved.

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