

Sent: Monday, September 18, 2023 2:52 PM

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Thanks [Welsh Government Official] – I think [Welsh Government Official] is providing some additional info for the press activity.

And I think its safe to assume that following the Board decision to pursue a controlled closure after a unanimous vote, that it is safe to say that the organisation is ceasing operation in October. Unless theres a miracle.....

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Hi [Welsh Government Officials],

I've tweaked slightly for your consideration to say *potential* closure as I think CT are still exploring options for funding and I don't think we should say anything that pre-empt that final decision on closure? I've also incorporated the tweak [Welsh Government Official] just sent through.

Thoughts? Perhaps we need:

- one line in case the story breaks before CT has confirmed it has explored all options on finance and decided closure is the only option, and;
- one alternative line for when CT has confirmed it's explored all options and will close, and then the story breaks

The first option could come if someone speaks out before CT has concluded exploring options to bolster its finances?

Perhaps we should build something in about support will be available for those affected by the closure of the charity?

Thanks,

[Welsh Government Official]

A Welsh Government spokesperson said: "We're disappointed to hear of the **potential closure of Chwarae Teg. **Over the last 30 years, Chwarae Teg has provided useful insight around issues of gender equality and we are grateful to the charity and its employees, both past and present.****

"Sadly, this is an example of how UK Government policies directly impact on organisations in Wales. As a direct result of Westminster's approach to the Shared Prosperity Fund, the entire allocation to Wales is £1.1 billion less compared to EU **structural and rural funds.**

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Hi all,

I'd be keen to have a media response ready for when this story breaks – just in case anything happens out of hours.

I've drafted the below based on the suggested lines to take and would be grateful for any comments before asking Ministers to clear.

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"Sadly, this is an example of how UK Government policies directly impact on organisations in Wales. As a direct result of Westminster's approach to the Shared Prosperity Fund, the entire allocation to Wales is £1.1 billion less compared to EU funds.

Notes

- Entire Shared Prosperity Fund to Wales: £585m
- The Welsh Government and the Senedd is being bypassed on a plainly devolved matter, with universities, colleges, the third sector and businesses also shut out from directly accessing funding
- Chwarae Teg are in discussions with Working Wales so that staff made can access redundancy support packages from ReAct+

Many thanks,