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Dear Convener,

### **Independent Review of Community Learning and Development (CLD)**

I am writing to advise the Committee that I have today announced in the Chamber a short and focused Independent Review of CLD.

The Scottish Government has an existing Programme for Government commitment to review the Community Learning and Development Regulations 2013. The independent review will take this commitment further to consider how best to ensure CLD services continue to offer vital support to some of the most vulnerable learners within Scotland's education and skills system.

The review will build on previous recommendations outlined in the Muir report, the Independent Review of Qualifications and Assessment and the Independent Review of the Skills Delivery Landscape, together with the Scottish Government's Purpose and Principles for Post-School Education, Research and Skills.

The Review will be led by Kate Still and will commence work in December 2023, reporting to Ministers by June 2024.

The Terms of Reference are being published on the Scottish Government's website following my statement.

Whilst the Review will be independently led I would welcome the Committee's engagement in its deliberations. I would be happy to provide further information if required.

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I am also sending this letter to the Conveners of the Public Audit Committee; Economy and Fair Work Committee; the Education, Children and Young People Committee; Social Justice and Social Security Committee; the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee and the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

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