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Funding in the third sector – statement from the Chair of the Public Accounts Committee

The Chair of the National Assembly's Public Accounts Committee, Nick Ramsay AM, has issued the following statement in response to the report from the Wales Audit Office, 'Local Authority Funding of Third Sector Services.'

Mr Ramsay said:

"The report published by the Auditor General for Wales on the local authorities' funding of third sector services is welcome.

"The third sector plays a significant role across many communities in Wales supporting the arts, helping the poor, caring for the elderly and providing an important link between citizens and the state.

"The report provides a detailed evaluation of the current funding arrangements and identifies a range of weaknesses that need to be addressed if local authorities are to improve value for money from their investment, and meet the aspirations of recent Welsh Government legislation, which sees a growing role for the third sector.

"I am particularly pleased that the Auditor General has also published a self-evaluation tool as part of his report for local authority officers, elected members and third sector organisations to use in decision making on their funding choices.

“This will go a long way to help address the findings of the review and will strengthen current performance.”