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Dear Ian,

Thank you for your letter of 17 December about the forthcoming Culture White Paper.

You make some important points about the role of local government in funding and supporting culture and heritage. I would like to reassure you that the Culture White Paper reflects the importance of central government and its agencies working closely with local government and sets out a clear policy direction for effective collaboration.

I would be happy to meet to discuss these important issues further. My diary secretary will be in touch to arrange a meeting shortly.

Best wishes,

Ed Vaizey MP

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