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Dear Mr. Breckell,

Early Adoption of SORP 2005

In our consultation document produced following our recent strategic review 'Charity working at the heart of society', we emphasised the importance we place on charities explaining better how they benefit the public and what they achieve through SORP 2005, and so it is a great encouragement to see CFDG taking the lead by being one of the first to adopt SORP 2005.

The opening statement in your Annual Report and Financial Statements 2005 of objectives, vision, mission and aims was eye-catching and the content of the report was very structured, thorough and informative, packed with qualitative and quantitative information as to activities and impacts made by CFDG, both on behalf of its membership, and through being such an advocate for good financial management and reporting practice, for the sector as a whole. It is a great pleasure to see CFDG taking the lead in this way.

The linking of the themes in the report with the Statement of Financial Activities enables the reader to put words to the financial music and the principle departure from SORP regarding the recognition of the value of donated services received as part of the incoming resources for charitable activity was well explained.

To accompany the model SORP 2005 examples on our website we intend to include links to a selection of 'early adopters' so that both the theory and practice are brought together. If you would be happy to be cited as a pioneer of early adoption and an illustration of good reporting practice may I request you confirm to Nigel Davies, Deputy Head of Accountancy Policy, your willingness to participate. Nigel can be contacted on 01823 345470 or at the e-mail address shown at the bottom of this letter.

*Yours sincerely,
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Content approved by Andrew Hind and signed on his behalf, in his absence, by Gemma Sykes, Executive Assistant, to avoid delay.

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