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Dear Mr Samuel

Sea Change grant reference SC3005 Dreamland, Margate

We recently contacted Derek Harding, your project's Sea Change lead, to alert them that our sponsor department DCMS has asked us, as part of the wider government savings, to make a reduction to the Sea Change programme this financial year.

We have consulted with our Sea Change partners about the best way to make this saving and the partnership was in full agreement that the required saving should come from the Large grants programme. The Partners consider that the Large grant programme projects will be better equipped to make a reduction because they are likely to have more experienced project managers and delivery teams with the skills, expertise and knowledge to respond to this challenge.

This was not an easy decision to make, but the Partners believed that if savings had to be made, this was the fairest route. I am sorry therefore to have to inform you that there will be the reduction from your grant of £80,623. This figure has been formulated by a percentage cut taken across the remaining Large grant payments on 14 June, the date that the Sea Change partners agreed their decision about the savings.

Your funding agreement will be redrafted and reissued to reflect this and sent to you for signature in due course. We are making this adjustment with reference to section 4 'Payment of the Grant' within the funding agreement: '4.1.5 Sufficient funds are made available to us from the Department of Culture Media and Sport for us to administer and award funds to The Sea Change Programme. We do not

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expect this funding to be reduced or stopped but, if it is, we may reduce or stop your Grant before we have paid you the full amount.'

CABE and the Sea Change partners understand that this reduction will mean that your plans will have to change, but of course we do not want projects to fail because of this unforeseen step. We would ask your Sea Change lead to let us know how you will respond to this unexpected and difficult challenge and where the savings will be made by 22 July. We suggest that you take the advice of your Sea Change monitor about how the saving can be made to ensure that your project remains deliverable.

I do hope that you understand that in the current economic climate we have had to make these difficult decisions. Your lead contact can if necessary speak to Claire Pollock, Senior Sea Change advisor for more clarity about this decision.

Yours sincerely



Sarah Gaventa
Director of Public Space

cc Derek Harding, Programme director, Margate renewal partnership
Nick Parsons, Game Ltd, Sea Change monitor
Claire Pollock, Senior Sea Change advisor