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## CORRESPONDENCE FOLLOWING THE COMMITTEE MEETING

**Committee** ECONOMY & CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

**Date and Time of Meeting** THURSDAY, 12 APRIL 2018, 4.30 PM

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Dear Councillor Bradbury,

## **Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee: 12 April 2018**

Members of the Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee have asked me to pass on their thanks to you, Steve Morris and Laura Williams from Cardiff Metropolitan University for attending our meeting to discuss the Local Sports Plan 2018/19. Members have the following comments and observations for your consideration.

Members are impressed with the breadth and depth of the Local Sports Plan 2018/19 and can see how it focuses on addressing the priority objectives and key considerations set out in our Joint Venture agreement with Cardiff Metropolitan University regarding the delivery of sports services in Cardiff. The Plan demonstrates how small amounts of funding, coupled with dedicated staff and volunteer provision, can make a huge difference in the delivery of sports across Cardiff. Members note that Sports Cardiff will provide quarterly reports, to Cardiff Council, illustrating the delivery of the Local Sports Plan, using both quantitative and qualitative measures to demonstrate its impact.

Members note and agree with your comments regarding the need to boost grassroots participation, in order to engender a lifelong love of sports and achieve health and wellbeing benefits. As discussed at the meeting, Members welcome the work ongoing re 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools programme and ensuring sports provision forms part of this; it is important to ensure that sports facilities based within schools remain accessible and affordable to their local communities.



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Councillor Lynda Thorne & Councillor Russell Goodway  
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Dear Councillor Thorne and Councillor Goodway,

**Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee: 12 April 2018**

On behalf of the Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee, thank you for attending our meeting to discuss the new Welsh Government Targeted Regeneration Investment (TRI) Programme and the work underway in Cardiff to determine appropriate bids to this. Members would also like to pass on their appreciation to Sarah McGill, Neil Hanratty, Jon Day and Don Davidson and to thank Don for his presentation, which provided an excellent summary of the key issues.

Members have asked that I pass on the following comments and observations for your consideration.

As discussed at the meeting, the Welsh Government guidance emphasises the need for a regional regeneration plan and regional endorsement of any proposals put forward under this programme. Members are pleased to hear work is progressing on the regional regeneration plan and that officers are discussing appropriate governance mechanisms to enable regional endorsement. Members recognise that the direction from Welsh Government is to foster more regional working across a wider spectrum of local authority work. With this in mind, Members believe it would be prudent to explore the feasibility of establishing governance arrangements that reflect this; this would be preferable to more one-off governance mechanisms. In the meantime, Members note that reports for decision will be brought to all ten local authorities; in the response to this letter, I would like clarification as to whether these reports will go to Cabinet or Council.

Another key theme emphasised in the Welsh Government guidance is the need to have meaningful engagement with the communities concerned when developing proposals. Whilst Members recognise the good intentions underpinning this, from experience we are very aware of the need to manage expectations, to avoid disillusionment in communities if bids are not successful. Members are pleased to hear that officers recognise this and that there will be on-going dialogue with Welsh Government, regionally and with affected communities (including residents, business and the third sector) to ensure good communication and to manage expectations. Members are also pleased to hear officers acknowledgment of the need to involve ward councillors at the outset, so that their input is included in the ideas generation phase; we look forward to this taking place for South Riverside initially and then for the other areas as these come forward.

As discussed at the meeting, whilst the amounts of funding available are relatively small, they can make a significant difference, especially when proposals are integrated effectively with other interventions and strategic investments. Members note the issues raised by Councillor Goodway regarding the need for inclusive growth, avoiding the mistakes of previous regeneration projects, by proactively working to ensure local communities benefit from regeneration and that they are not ultimately driven out by gentrification.

Members are supportive of the two business corridors proposals set out in the Cabinet report and note that feasibility studies, alongside community engagement, will be used to determine specific project proposals for the South Riverside area and, later on, in Roath/ Adamsdown. Members are particularly pleased to note the emphasis on addressing the need for '*centrally located, cost competitive business starter units offering a mix of uses and providing flexible easy-in easy-out lease terms.*' Members were also pleased to hear Councillor Thorne's answer that she is supportive of exploring the possibility of a complementary scheme for converting the empty properties above shops into affordable housing. Finally, as discussed at the meeting, Members recommend that the boundaries of the South Riverside project be clarified.

Members are pleased that Cardiff's proposals include projects to improve the economic outcomes of young people and provide into work advice and training,



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