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CORRESPONDENCE FOLLOWING THE COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee ENVIRONMENTAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date and Time of Meeting TUESDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 2018, 4.30 PM

Please find below correspondence send by the Committee Chair following the meeting, together with any responses received.

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03 December 2018

Councillor Michael Michael,
Cabinet Member for Clean Streets, Recycling & Environment,
County Hall,
Atlantic Wharf,
Cardiff CF10 4UW.



Dear Councillor Michael,

Environmental Scrutiny Committee – 6 November 2018

On behalf of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee I would like to thank the officers for attending the Committee meeting on Tuesday 6 November 2018. As you are aware the meeting received an item titled 'Waste Management Strategy Update'. The comments and observations made by Members on the areas relevant to your portfolio of responsibility are set out in this letter.

Waste Management Strategy Update

Members are supportive of the idea of closed loop recycling, particularly if this can be processed closer to home. This approach is clearly better for the environment and local economy as it does not involve shipping recyclate large distances for processing. The Committee encourages you to lobby and work with the Welsh Government to help achieve this goal.

The Committee understands that there is a clear distinction between local authority and private commercial waste companies, particularly in relation to recycling targets and payment of VAT. I would be grateful if you could:

- Confirm if the Council's Commercial Waste Service currently charges VAT on all transactions to businesses and members of the public. In addition to this could you please confirm if the Council's Commercial Waste Service is legally required to charge VAT on all transactions. If there are VAT

advantages for local authority commercial waste services then the Council should look to use this as a competitive advantage.

- Members understand that private commercial waste companies are not required to follow the same statutory recycling targets that are placed against local authority waste services. This creates a challenge for local authority waste collection services who have to declare all commercial waste materials against the current statutory recycling target of 58% (soon to increase to 64% in 2019/20). The Committee is concerned that commercial waste providers in Wales only achieve recycling rates of 29% - this is bad for the environment and also gives them a commercial advantage. I would be grateful if you could confirm what can practically be done to close this gap and to create a more level playing field.

I would be grateful if you would consider the above comments and provide a response to the content of this letter.

Regards,

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Councillor Ramesh Patel
Chairperson Environmental Scrutiny Committee

Cc:

- Andrew Gregory - Director of City Operations
- Matt Wakelam - Operational Manager, Infrastructure & Operations
- Jane Cherrington – Operational Manager, Waste Strategy & Enforcement
- Davina Fiore - Director of Governance & Legal Services
- Members of Cardiff's Environmental Scrutiny Committee

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03 December 2018

Councillor Caro Wild,
Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning & Transport,
County Hall,
Atlantic Wharf,
Cardiff CF10 4UW.



Dear Councillor Wild,

Environmental Scrutiny Committee – 6 November 2018

On behalf of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee I would like to thank the officers for attending the Committee meeting on Tuesday 6 November 2018. As you are aware the meeting received an item titled 'Clamping and Removal of Nuisance Vehicles from Highway and Public Land'. The comments and observations made by Members on the areas relevant to your portfolio of responsibility are set out in this letter.

Clamping and Removal of Nuisance Vehicles from Highway and Public Land

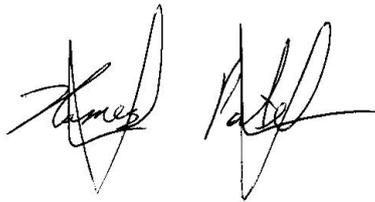
- The Committee is supportive of the proposed working arrangement with the DVLA for the Clamping and Removal of Nuisance Vehicles from Highway and Public Land. In delivering the scheme they ask that a fair process for prioritising resources for clamping and removal is developed and implemented from the start. This process should ensure that the resource for the clamping and removal of vehicles is fairly shared across all of Cardiff's wards; reflects the range of complaints made by the public and above all is consistently applied.
- During the meeting an officer suggested that Members might benefit from a short tour of Cardiff in the ANPR vehicle to see how it operates. The Committee welcomes this offer and would ask that an officer from the

Planning, Transport & Environment Directorate contacts Scrutiny Services to arrange a tour for the Members.

- I would be grateful if you could provide the Committee with a short report by the end of the current financial year outlining the progress of the new working partnership. This should include details of the initial business case, the model, staffing levels, revenue raised, removal and clamping activity, lessons learnt, etc..

I would be grateful if you would consider the above comments and provide a response to the content of this letter.

Regards,

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Dyddiad / Date: 8th January 2019

Councillor Ramesh Patel
Chairperson
Environmental Scrutiny Committee
County Hall
Atlantic Wharf
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Annwyl/Dear Ramesh

**Environmental Scrutiny Committee: 6th November 2018
Clamping And Removal Of Nuisance Vehicles From Highway And Public
Land**

Thank you for your letter dated 3rd December 2018 in relation to the Environmental Scrutiny Committee held on 6th November 2018. For clarity I have produced this response in the same order as the questions were asked in your letter:

The Committee is supportive of the proposed working arrangement with the DVLA for the Clamping and Removal of Nuisance Vehicles from Highway and Public Land. In delivering the scheme they ask that a fair process for prioritising resources for clamping and removal is developed and implemented from the start. This process should ensure that the resource for the clamping and removal of vehicles is fairly shared across all of Cardiff's wards; reflects the range of complaints made by the public and above all is consistently applied.

It is intended that, at the beginning of the implementation of the scheme, we will work to support citizen concerns. We will therefore respond to reports from members of the public / Local Member of untaxed vehicles. When we receive a report we will check with the DVLA whether the vehicle is actually untaxed and whether we can instigate enforcement actions. All reports will be treated the

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Mae'r Cyngor yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg, Saesneg neu'n ddwyieithog. Byddwn yn cyfathrebu â chi yn ôl eich dewis, dim ond i chi roi gwybod i ni pa un sydd well gennych. Ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

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same with no preference given to postcode or ward as it is important that everyone knows that they cannot escape paying their vehicle tax.

It is important to note that we may not be able to take action on every report as certain legal criteria need to apply before enforcement may commence and any enforcement action will be resource dependent.

After the scheme has embedded, we will continue to aim to respond to all reports and additionally the ANPR car will patrol mainly problem areas based on the statistical analysis compiled from public reports and the data provided by the car.

When the enforcement of illegally parked vehicles commences this will be undertaken in accordance with the current operational patrol procedures and in line with the Policy approved by Cabinet.

During the meeting an officer suggested that Members might benefit from a short tour of Cardiff in the ANPR vehicle to see how it operates. The Committee welcomes this offer and would ask that an officer from the Planning, Transport & Environment Directorate contacts Scrutiny Services to arrange a tour for the Members.

We are currently configuring the ANPR vehicle to manage the data from the DVLA. Once this has been done, we will be only too happy to accommodate this request and will contact Scrutiny Services in due course.

I would be grateful if you could provide the Committee with a short report by the end of the current financial year outlining the progress of the new working partnership. This should include details of the initial business case, the model, staffing levels, revenue raised, removal and clamping activity, lessons learnt, etc.

An end of year report will be compiled as requested. Going forward the reporting of the removal and clamping of untaxed and illegally parked vehicles will be amalgamated into the parking annual report.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or my officers directly.

Yn gywir / Yours sincerely



**Cynghorydd / Councillor Caro Wild
Aelod Cabinet dros Gynllunio Strategol a Thrafnidiaeth
Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning & Transport**