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## CORRESPONDENCE FOLLOWING THE COMMITTEE MEETING

**Committee** ECONOMY & CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

**Date and Time of Meeting** THURSDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 2017, 4.30 PM

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Date: 10 November 2017

Councillor Lynda Thorne  
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Dear Councillor Thorne,

### **Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee: 9 November 2017**

On behalf of the Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee, please accept our thanks for attending our meeting for pre-decision scrutiny of proposals for city-wide employability provision. Members have asked that I pass on the following comments and observations.

Members carried out policy development scrutiny for these proposals at our meeting on 14 September 2017, following which we gave our broad support to the proposals and raised a couple of areas where we felt additional explanation would help.

Members are pleased to see that, having raised our concerns regarding encouraging access to employment services, the report to Cabinet contains a section on the pro-active approach to be taken to support hard to reach individuals.

Following our scrutiny in September, Members requested a copy of the consultation schedule in time for this scrutiny. Members are pleased that the consultation reports were included in our papers and form part of the appendices to the Cabinet report. However, Members remain concerned that the respondents to the consultation do not include more people seeking work or employment-related support. We accept that the respondent profile reflects the overall demographic of Cardiff, and that officers made an effort to engage those seeking work or employment-related support. However, Members feel that it would be most helpful to hear from those most affected by proposals. Members therefore recommend that future consultation

exercises use different research methods to reach those most affected and enable their voices to be heard.

At the meeting, Members also highlighted the response received to Question 12 '*Do you think that you have a say in decisions that affect you and your local community?*'

It is striking to note that the responses to this question almost mirrors the response received to a similar question asked as part of recent budget consultation.

In conclusion, Members are content with the proposals and support the recommendations to Cabinet regarding employability provision.

Thank you once again for your attendance at Committee and I wish you well with progressing proposals for future employment services.

Yours sincerely,

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**COUNCILLOR NIGEL HOWELLS  
CHAIR, ECONOMY & CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

cc Members of the Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee  
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Councillor Thomas & Councillor Bradbury  
Cabinet Members  
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Dear Councillor Thomas and Councillor Bradbury,

**Economy & Culture and Environmental Scrutiny Committee: 9 November 2017**

Thank you for attending Committee to take Members through the confidential report regarding the opportunity to submit a bid to be a host city for Euro 2020. Members recognise that the timeline for the bid submission meant that information was not available to go out with our papers; Members therefore appreciate the Chief Executive, Neil Hanratty and Kathryn Richards taking the Committee through the report and discussing the implications for Cardiff Council and for Cardiff as a whole.

Having considered the evidence presented at the meeting, Members are supportive of the proposal to submit a bid to be a host city for Euro 2020. Members recognise the many benefits that this would bring to Cardiff, in terms of immediate economic benefits and in terms of worldwide exposure.

Members are particularly pleased to hear that city centre businesses will be involved in the local organising committee, with a view to ensuring event planning takes into account their needs and improves communication channels.

As raised at the meeting, major events in the city also have an impact on local residents and communities. Members were pleased to hear you acknowledge this and recognise the need to utilise communications with ward councillors and community organisations. Regular updates will enable ward Members to help to manage residents expectations and highlight the many benefits major events bring to

Cardiff. Members understand that, particularly with regard to security considerations, there may be last minute, unforeseen impacts; however, good event planning with partners will minimise these.

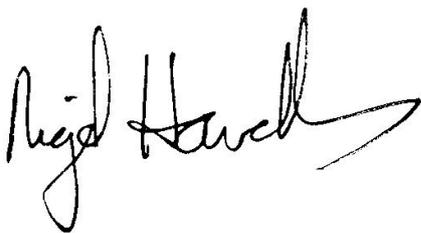
Members also wish to highlight the need for additional policing in those adjacent areas most affected by city centre events, such as areas of Riverside and Grangetown.

Members note that the Council no longer has a Corporate Initiatives budget and that the Council's financial commitment to the Euro 2020 bid will be capped. Members also note that this commitment utilises the delegated flexibility in this regard.

In the event of a successful bid, Members would appreciate as much transparency as possible in the event planning; this Committee will make time in our work programme to scrutinise this.

We wish you well in the bidding process; thank you again for the opportunity to scrutinise the proposals. Given the nature of the item, Committee Members gave their support to my decision to deem this an urgent item, not subject to Call-In.

Yours sincerely,

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Date: 10 November 2017

Councillor Peter Bradbury  
Cabinet Member, Culture & Leisure  
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Dear Councillor Bradbury,

**Economy & Culture and Environmental Scrutiny Committee: 9 November 2017**

On behalf of Members of the Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee, please accept our thanks for attending our meeting to provide an update on the Sports Joint Venture with Cardiff Metropolitan University. Members would particularly like to pass their thanks to Emma Hill for her informative presentation and videos, which aptly demonstrated the impact that Sport Cardiff has.

Members thank officers for providing the information showing headline statistics for this year in terms of engagement and sessions provided and for providing the breakdown by neighbourhood ward, gender and ethnicity. As discussed at the meeting, this shows that there has been an overall reduction in 2016/17. Members note the explanation given that this is because there has been a greater focus on extending engagement to make a more meaningful impact, rather than maximising the number of one-off engagements, which may have less of an impact.

Members would like to receive the information available that shows engagement and attendance rates prior to the start of the Joint Venture and now, as well as other comparative data that is available. Members note that there are differences between the information previously collected and collected now but would appreciate seeing the information that is available. Members would also appreciate an explanation of how volunteer hours are quantified, please.

Members are pleased to hear your contentment with the day-to-day working of the Joint Venture partnership; it is heartening to hear that the governance arrangements have proved to be suitable.

Once again, thank you to you and officers for attending this meeting – I look forward to receiving the information requested in this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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