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## CORRESPONDENCE FOLLOWING THE COMMITTEE MEETING

**Committee** ECONOMY & CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

**Date and Time of Meeting** THURSDAY, 11 JANUARY 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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Date: 12 January 2018

Councillor Lynda Thorne  
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Dear Councillor Thorne,

## **Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee: 11 January 2018**

On behalf of the Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee, please accept our thanks for attending our meeting to review the performance of libraries. Members have asked that I pass on our sincere thanks to all the staff involved in providing our library services, for their dedication and hard work. As you will have gathered from our comments at the meeting, Members are truly impressed and heartened by the breadth and depth of the services provided by libraries, reaching into communities, engaging those in need and ensuring libraries play their part in improving people's lives. I'd be grateful if you could please ensure that library staff are aware of our appreciation of their work.

In terms of the Welsh Public Library Standards, Members are pleased with the positive direction of travel over the last three years and note Nicola Pitman's assurances that the Council will meet the computer target (WPLSQ10) this year and that the issues with supply requests (WPLSQ12) have been addressed. Members believe that all the staff that work in libraries should be counted towards the indicator for the number of staff per capita (WPLSQ13) and support you in your representations on this to Welsh Government.

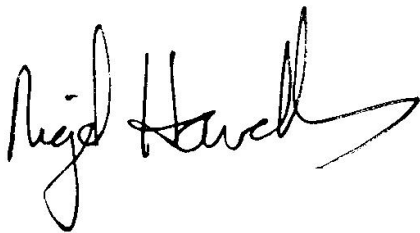
With regard to the Society of Chief Librarians Universal Offers, Members were pleased to hear officers acknowledge the importance that all staff based in hubs and libraries should complete dementia awareness training; we look forward to this being

put in place. Members were reassured to hear that this training explains the different types of dementia and the behaviours that result.

Several Members felt that ward councillors could play a more proactive role in promoting the Library Services offers, for example by encouraging schools to participate in the Summer Reading Challenge and by ensuring Community Councils receive details of services and events in nearby libraries. Members were pleased that officers responded positively to these suggestions. In order to start this process, Members would like to receive details of which libraries offer the following services: 3D printing, Raspberry Pi and coding clubs as well as regular services and planned events in libraries.

Finally, Members were pleased to note that there will be no reduction in mobile library services or library services overall and that neighbourhood librarians are able to arrange library service events in localities that do not have libraries or hubs.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nigel Howells', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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

cc Members of the Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee  
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Councillor Russell Goodway  
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Dear Councillor Goodway,

**Economy & Culture and Environmental Scrutiny Committee: 11 January 2018**

Members of the Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee have asked me to pass on their thanks to you and officers for attending Committee to brief Members on the 'Building More and Better Jobs' Green Paper.

Members note the intention is to consult on the Green Paper across the whole of the business sector and with public sector, third sector and private sector partners, including neighbouring local authorities. Members welcome this and hope that it stimulates debate on the way forward for Cardiff and our role in the region.

Members look forward to scrutinising the planned Economic Development White Paper. As part of this, Members would like to receive a summary of the consultation responses received, to go out with our committee papers for this item and ask that officers liaise with scrutiny officers to arrange this.

Yours sincerely,

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

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