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Dear Councillor Bradbury

ECONOMY AND CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 17 MARCH 2016

At the March meeting of the Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee, Members scrutinised the Quarter 3 Performance of the Economic Development Directorate. I appreciate you were unable to attend the meeting, and write to you in relation to discussions that took place around the Arts and Cultural Venues procurement exercise, which falls under your portfolio of responsibility.

Members were concerned to be informed at the meeting that there is only a single bidder remaining in the Arts and Cultural Venues procurement exercise. We were given assurances by officers that the process has been competitive throughout, with competitive dialogue ongoing, and that the remaining bidder will be evaluated against the in-house provision in terms on delivering savings and consistent, if not improved, levels of service. Members, however, wish to note our concerns that that it will be hard for the Council to achieve the level of savings required from this exercise and look forward to scrutinising the proposed outcome in more depth in the coming months.

I would be grateful if you would consider the above comments and observations.

Regards,

Councillor Rod McKerlich
Chairperson, Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee

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