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Dear Dan

### **Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee Meeting – 4 March 2015**

Thank you to you and Sarah McGill for attending the above meeting to discuss the Quarter Three Performance Report on Community Safety issues. Members wish to pass on their thanks to officers for enhancing the report as requested following our discussion at Committee on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014.

At this meeting, as at our meeting in October, we discussed how these reports are used by crime and disorder partners, how they inform partnership activity and how best to receive information on the partnership activity taken in response to performance trends and issues identified by these performance reports. Members thank Sarah for her explanation of the difficulties in undertaking analysis of the performance reports and partnership activity, due to the inter-relationship between captured performance information, trends and issues and partnership activity. This was clear in the example she cited - the spike in ASB issues in South East Cardiff being caused by pro-active work to capture and identify ASB following local intelligence about specific issues in one location.

Following this discussion, Members wish to accept Sarah's suggestion that her team undertake the analysis and then the key findings from this analysis are included in the performance report that Members receive. Members also request that the performance report include trend analysis and an introductory section to the report that summarises key issues for Members. Members ask that these changes be made for the Quarter One 2015-16

With regard to suggestions at the meeting to undertake more detailed scrutiny, Members will recommend that a future committee consider more detailed scrutiny of Anti Social Behaviour for inclusion in their work programme for 2015/16, which would include receiving the results of the detailed analysis Sarah stated the Partnership Analyst, Peter King, would be undertaking. Scrutiny officers will liaise with officers about this as part of the work programming process in May 2015.

At the meeting we also discussed the upward trend for reported hate crime and the reasons for this, including work that has been undertaken to improve reporting rates. Members were pleased to hear recognition that it was important to address hate crime and that actions are being taken to tackle hate crime. Members wish to receive details of these and ask that these be included in the response to this letter.

Finally, a Member raised the issue of prostitution/ sex-work, on and off street. Members wish to accept Sarah's offer to provide a briefing of the Council and partnership work underway to address this; please send this to scrutiny services.

This letter contains a request for information re hate crime and, as such, a response is required please.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D Groves', is placed on a light blue rectangular background.

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR DAVID GROVES**

**Chairperson - Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee**

Cc: Sarah McGill                      Liz Patterson                      Nick Blake  
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