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11th January 2016

Councillor Ramesh Patel,
Cabinet Member for Transport, Planning & Sustainability,
County Hall,
Atlantic Wharf,
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Dear Councillor Patel,

Environmental Scrutiny Committee – 8th December 2015

On behalf of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee I would like to thank the officers for attending the Committee meeting on Tuesday 8th December 2015. As you are aware the meeting considered an item titled 'City Operations – Quarter 2 Performance'. The comments and observations made by Members following this item are set out in this letter.

City Operations – Quarter 2 Performance

- Members noted that PLA/004 (a) and (c) were again rated as red performance risks and considerably below target for 2015/16. As failure to achieve these statutory targets could trigger refund clauses on new planning applications I would be grateful if you could provide assurance that the mitigation measures put in place will be sufficient to improve performance; this should include the anticipated timescale for improvement.
- At the meeting there was some discussion around the increase in income into the parking revenue account from parking charges, civil parking enforcement and moving traffic offences. This prompted a discussion around how much surplus was generated and more importantly how the monies were being spent. An officer explained that under section 52 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 the funds could be used to support appropriate transport and environmental work; this included pothole

management. I would, therefore, be grateful if you could provide detail on:

- The income and expenditure from the parking revenue account for 2014/15 and 2015/16;
 - A description of the scope of services which can now be funded from the parking revenue account under section 52 of the Traffic Management Act 2004.
- During the meeting Members were advised that THS/012 was an annually reported performance indicator which illustrated the percentage of principal (A) roads, non – principal (B) roads and non – principal (C) roads that are in overall poor condition. The outturn figure for 2014/15 was 6.8%, however, no year to date information was provided on the report to illustrate the in year position on the state of Cardiff's roads. A Member asked if it would be possible to break the category (A), (B) and (C) road data down into three separate values for 2014/15; this would provide a more detailed insight into the condition of Cardiff's different types of road. I would appreciate it if you could provide a this information and if possible provide the same in year data for 2015/16 to illustrate the in year picture.

I would be grateful if you would consider the above comments and provide a response to the requests made in this letter.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. D. Mitchell". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Councillor Paul Mitchell
Chairperson Environmental Scrutiny Committee

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