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Mr Ken Daniels,  
GMB Branch Secretary,  
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Dear Ken,

**Environmental Scrutiny Committee – Infrastructure Services – Full  
Business Case Strategy Briefing - 15 March 2016**

On behalf of Members of the Environmental and Policy Review & Performance Scrutiny Committees' I would like to thank you and the other trade union representatives for attending the Committee meeting on Tuesday 15 March 2016. As you are aware you were invited to make a statement on the 'Infrastructure Services – Full Business Case Strategy Briefing' which was considered at the meeting. This letter provides you with the Member feedback following the meeting.

- Members would like to thank you and the other trade union representatives for your attendance at the meeting. They believe that the trade unions have a crucial part to play in identifying the best way forward for Infrastructure Services in Cardiff and welcome the comments which you made at the meeting.
- During the meeting you suggested that the Council should create a 'Commercial Internal Directorate' to maximise internal and external trading opportunities. You continued by urging the Committee and Council to consider the 'Commercial Internal Directorate' proposals put forward by the trade unions as a real alternative to the other options currently being assessed. As Members are keen to explore all possible solutions I would be grateful if you could send me a copy of the trade union 'Commercial Internal Directorate' proposals so that these can be

circulated in advance of the Infrastructure Services - Full Business Case scrutiny on the 12 May 2016.

- At the meeting you stated that you had concerns about some of the assumptions being applied against analysis of the Infrastructure Services Full Business Case. I would be grateful if you could confirm these assumption concerns in writing in advance of the Infrastructure Services - Full Business Case scrutiny on the 12 May 2016.
- Members note the concern of the trade unions around the delay in implementing new technology to improve service delivery. They also agree with the trade union view that financial pressures mean that change has to happen very quickly.

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

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

Cc to:

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