

APPENDIX A – Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee Correspondence Schedule, as at 29 September 2017

Date Sent	Sent to	Topic	Comments and Recommendations Made	Date reply received	Response Received
19 July 2017	Cllr Goodway	Funding the New Bus Transport Interchange	<p><i>'Members support the proposal to move from private rented sector accommodation to student accommodation... Members are supportive of a market driven approach for [office] space as well, subject to further planning application, if required.'</i></p> <p><i>'With regard to the second recommendation to Cabinet to delegate authority, Members support this, on the understanding that the usual due diligence checks would apply to ensure robust financial modelling and consideration of legal advice.'</i></p>	4 August 2017	<p>'I am grateful that the joint committee supports our intention to adopt a market driven approach which will allow the development partners to market the site in a less constrained manner than has hitherto been the case.'</p> <p>'I take on board all of the points you make regarding the need to put in place robust arrangements that will ensure proper due diligence and I will ensure council officials adopt such an approach.'</p>

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			<p><i>'Members support the appointment of external cost consultants and professional advisors to ensure that the Council achieves value for money. Members also recognise the usefulness in acquiring the Saunders Road car park site.'</i></p> <p><i>'Members note the bid to Welsh Government for assistance in meeting technical fit out and highway improvements. Members would like to be kept informed of progress with this bid, in terms of the amount awarded and the uses agreed for the grant funding.'</i></p>		<p>'I note also the joint committee's request to be kept informed of progress with regard to the bid to Welsh Government for funding to finance the fit out costs of the bus station. I guess that the joint committee would equally like to be kept informed of progress with regard to the overall development and of key issues, which are likely to emerge as we take it forward. I am eager to respond positively to the joint committee's request. Please can you ask Scrutiny Officers to liaise with the Cabinet Office to explore what arrangements can be put in place to help ensure this happens.'</p>

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14 September 2017	Cllr Goodway	Call-In - Funding the New Bus Transport Interchange'	<p><i>'Having considered the evidence presented by Councillor McEvoy, Dr Max Wallis and yourselves, Members decided not to refer back to Cabinet the decision CAB/17/11. Therefore, this decision stands.'</i></p> <p><i>'Members welcome the fact that concerted efforts are being made to secure office usage in the interchange building and hope that these prove fruitful. However, Members are supportive of a market driven approach for this space as well, subject to further planning application, if required.'</i></p>		<i>No Response Required</i>

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15 September 2017	Cllr Thorne	Employment Services	<p><i>'Members recognise that some services currently offered by Communities First will not continue.'</i></p> <p><i>'Members welcome the intention that the new services are accessible to all citizens, regardless of where they live.'</i></p> <p><i>'Members urge officers to ensure that the marketing of the new gateway approach provides reassurance to potential service users re its independence and helpfulness. Members are also interested to hear more about how officers will identify potential service users who face difficulties accessing these services.'</i></p>		<i>Response Awaited</i>

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			<p><i>'Members raised their concerns about future ESOL provision and were interested to hear that officers are mapping provision with a view to identifying possible additional funding provision. Members would like to be kept informed on progress with this.'</i></p> <p><i>'Members note that officers are hoping that consultation responses will identify additional specialist services, to enhance the current list of specialist services.'</i></p> <p><i>'Members also note that Cardiff Council intends to use the responses received to the 'Helping</i></p>		

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			<p><i>people find work and Building Community Resilience' consultation to shape the proposed use of the fund in Cardiff.'</i></p> <p><i>'Members have scheduled pre-decision scrutiny of the Cabinet Report on Employment Services for our meeting on 9 November 2017. Members would like to receive the consultation schedule with our papers for this item, in order that we can see the responses received and the corresponding actions proposed.'</i></p>		