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Dear Councillor Bale

ECONOMY AND CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 15 OCTOBER 2015

Arts Council of Wales

At the October meeting of the Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee, Members met with representatives of the Arts Council of Wales to discuss the potential of the Arts in Cardiff to promote city regeneration and the well being of citizens.

I recognise that arts in the traditional sense may not fall under your portfolio of responsibility, however it became apparent in our meeting that the Arts Council is involved in projects that cut across numerous sections of the Council, from education and community development to urban design and regeneration. Members of this Committee are convinced of the benefits of a vibrant arts community for the city as a whole and feel this is something the Council should be ensuring it supports, particularly given the vision to become Europe's most liveable capital city.

In our discussions with the Arts Council of Wales it is clear that there is a willingness on their part to work with the Council and that they are open to initiating discussions as to how best to progress this. We would like to recommend that this dialogue commences at the top of the organisation and that you seek to meet with the Directors, who have demonstrated their openness in appearing before Scrutiny.

I would be grateful if you would consider the above comments and look forward to receiving your feedback.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rod McKerlich', with a horizontal line underneath.

Councillor Rod McKerlich
Chairperson, Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee