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Dear Councillor Bale,

**Policy Review & Performance Scrutiny Committee: 1 December 2015
Cardiff Liveable City Report**

Thank you for your recent attendance at the Policy Review and Performance Scrutiny Committee for consideration of the Cardiff Liveable City Report. Members have asked me to sum up their comments and recommendations in a short letter.

The Committee wishes to congratulate you on the accessibility, look and feel of the document. Members feel it presents Cardiff in a positive light to external stakeholders but are keen to place on record that the document should not replace other improvement reports.

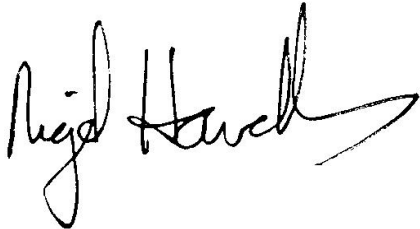
There is some feeling that Members have not been central to the development of this document and, whilst we appreciate that you are inviting our feedback at this point in time, if this becomes an annual document we urge that you consult Members before launching the document.

Members also feel that fighting inequality is a central role they perform, therefore involving them at an early stage in developing the document would ensure greater reference to inequalities, and better address how we make the City more liveable for the 60,000 poorest citizens, and indeed for older residents.

Members are keen to clarify the validity of the European Commission's Urban Audit award of the title 'UK's most liveable city'. They feel the summary, on page 2 of the document, highlighting Cardiff as the UK's most liveable city, is not always evidenced by the data presented throughout the report benchmarking Cardiff against UK core cities.

Many thanks again for your engagement with the Committee on this matter. As this letter sums up points made at the meeting, it does not require a formal response.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nigel Howells', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**COUNCILLOR NIGEL HOWELLS
CHAIR, POLICY REVIEW AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

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