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Annwyl / Dear Mary

**Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee - 7 October - Call-In
Additional Licensing Scheme in Cathays Ward**

Thank you for your letter of the 9th October 2015 and for the opportunity to attend Scrutiny and present evidence in relation to the above. I apologise for the delay in responding. I was pleased that upon hearing from all parties that Committee decided not to refer the decision back to Cabinet.

I acknowledge the points raised by the Committee in relation to the consultation process and would like to respond as follows:-

- I accept that future consultations will be aimed to coincide more closely with cycle of the student population and will occur between September and May wherever possible.
- I can confirm that where a low level of responses are received Officers will seek to identify why in order to boost participation levels
- I can confirm that where consultation identifies a segment of stakeholders with clear opposition to a proposal, Officers will endeavour to engage further to identify the underlying reasons and seek consensus wherever possible.
- We will review our consultation processes in general in light of Committee's comments in an attempt to maximise partnership working with key stakeholders.

In relation to the two other recommendations I can confirm that Cardiff Council is actively engaged with Rentsmart Wales in order to provide additional education on the new national scheme and how the additional licensing scheme differs.

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The role out of the new Cathays scheme has coincided with the formation of the new Shared Regulatory Service (SRS) and the lessons learned from the first five years are being included in the structure of the new teams in order to improve efficiency and ensure improved performance in the delivery of the scheme. This will be reviewed as part of the SRS Business plan.

Once again, my thanks to Committee for their consideration of this matter.

Yn gwyir
Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan De'Ath', written in a cursive style.

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