

Fy Nghyf / My Ref: NRS/CW/PBr/06.11.14

Dyddiad / Date: 13 November 2014



Councillor Peter Bradbury
Cabinet Member: Community Development, Co-operatives & Social Enterprise
City of Cardiff Council
County Hall
Atlantic Wharf
Cardiff
CF10 4UW.

Item 9 Appendix D1

Dear Councillor Bradbury

ECONOMY AND CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 6 November 2014
Chapter Arts Centre

On behalf of the Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee I would like to thank you and officers for attending the Committee meeting on 6 November 2014. The Committee had a number of comments and recommendations following the meeting, as set out below.

The Committee is supportive of the recommendations being put to the Cabinet, namely, to issue a new lease of 125 years with peppercorn rent to Chapter Arts Centre and to delegate authority to the Director of Sport, Leisure and Culture with the Cabinet Member for Community Development, Cooperatives and Social Enterprise to negotiate the details of the lease and a separate partnership agreement with Chapter Arts Centre.

On the whole, the Committee was pleased with the level of work that has been put into this proposal. It was clear to us that a comprehensive Economic Impact Assessment of the work undertaken through Chapter has been completed and clearly demonstrates the benefit this organisation brings to the city. It is good to see that a strong partnership exists between the Council and Chapter Arts Centre and we hope this continues long into the future.

One issue the Committee wishes to raise, which was discussed with you at the meeting, is the fact that while the proposed lease gives responsibility for repairs and maintenance to the tenants (Chapter), there is no contingency within their budget to factor in such repairs. While the Committee does not question the ability of Chapter to maintain the building and to raise the required funds, we recommend that this should be highlighted as a risk within the report to Cabinet.

The Committee will be writing separately to Mark, Elaina and Andy at Chapter Arts Centre to wish them well with their future plans for the organisation.

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

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Craig Williams', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Councillor Craig Williams
Chairperson Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee

cc Chapter Arts Centre (Andy Eagle, Mark White & Elaina Gray)
Chris Hesse – Director, Sport, Leisure & Culture
Steve Myers – Strategic Estates
Cheryl Cornelius – Cabinet Office
Members of the Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee.