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Cllr Rod McKerlich Chairperson **Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee**

Annwyl / Dear Rod

Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee - City Operations Q2 Performance -**ADM Leisure Procurement**

Thank you for your letter dated December 11th following the meeting of the Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee on December 3rd.

I note your comments and observations which seem very sensible bearing in mind where we are with the procurement process regarding an Alternative Delivery Model for Leisure. However I would make the following points:

- There is no doubt that the market that the Max Associates report was based on has changed quite markedly since that report with the increasingly difficult financial position that Local Government finds itself.
- There has been no work on mapping the private provision and at this time there seems little point in it being undertaken although I accept that at some point it maybe as I am focusing my attention on trying to improve the access to school facilities by working with my Cabinet colleague for Education, Cllr. Sarah Merry.
- Like the Committee I am pleased that the Enhanced In House model which acts as the comparator throughout the procurement process is proving to be a robust and credible model. The current programme of challenge that is being undertaken internally will further ensure that as far as possible it is deliverable.
- The issue of savings is a concern but there is no doubt that we must let the procurement process run its course while trying to ensure that the process produces the level of savings that are required.

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The question of access to school facilities and ensuring that with any new builds as part of the 21st Century Schools programme is one that I continue to have dialogue with my Education Cabinet colleague as mentioned above which has resulted in some clear progress as my colleague is very supportive along with officers of the principle. Some recent examples of this philosophy are the Pontprennau School access to the main hall in the evenings and at weekends, the continuing work on trying to upgrade the ATP at Eastern High School to a 3G surface with community access and the work to be undertaken at Willows High School to allow community access to the sports barn and changing rooms.

Once again thank you for your observations and should you want me to return to the Committee in the future on this issue then I will be happy to do so.

Yn gwyir Yours sincerely

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