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Annwyl / Dear Rod

Economy & Culture Scrutiny - 3 December 2015 & 10 September 2015

Thank you for your letter dated 10th December 2015, and for inviting myself and officers to attend the Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee meeting of 3rd December.

I have also been made aware that a response is outstanding to your letter of the 24th September, and I have taken the opportunity to include in this letter a response to the letter of the 24th September.

The support and comments of the Committee regarding the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal are welcomed and noted. I would be more than happy to provide an update on progress at a later date as part of the development of the City Deal as I believe Scrutiny Committee can make a useful contribution as the proposal is developed over the coming months. I would also be more than happy to discuss the Civic Centre Heritage Quarter at a future Scrutiny meeting as requested.

With regard to the issue of private delivery of the Metro, it is important to note that this is primarily a Welsh Government led initiative. Nonetheless, in taking forward the development of an improved city-region transport infrastructure it is important that we explore a range of options. As you note, strategic planning is also an integral part of the city-region development agenda, and as such it is anticipated that the City Deal will involve a movement towards a more co-ordinated approach to spatial planning.

With regard to the questions on the composition of the City Deal in the September letter, it is important to note how the infrastructure deals have worked elsewhere, where projects are considered through an agreed framework between participating authorities that sets out the criteria for the approval of projects – there is therefore no set number of projects that can be submitted.

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It is proposed that the Cardiff City-Region City Deal will use 'net fiscal bottom line' as the primary objective. This essentially relates to ensuring there is GVA uplift arising from proposed projects, as well as a reduction in dependency (worklessness, etc).

There will also be secondary objectives that relate to ensuring that each participating local area experiences some benefit from the City Deal investment.

Typically deals are agreed between city-regions and the UK Government, but in the case of the Cardiff Capital Region, the Welsh Government will be an integral part of any deal we take part in. There is no specific deadline for agreeing a City Deal, though clearly we would like to get something in place as soon as possible.

Funding and finance arrangements are currently being discussed between partners. In terms of governance, this is a fundamental part of a successful City Deal given the level of investment that is expected. Whilst the final governance structure is to be determined, the model established in Glasgow has been recommended by KPMG as an appropriate model to follow.

I can also confirm that I am happy to bring to future Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee meetings updates on City Deal developments and the Multi-purpose Arena when appropriate. We will also commit to continue working with the Joint Task and Finish Group on the Central Transport Interchange.

Thank you again for providing me with the opportunity to present at the Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee. If you are happy, I will circulate the comments of the Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee to partner local authorities so they are aware and clear of issues that have been raised by the members of the Committee. Given the significance of the City Deal in securing a better future for the Cardiff Capital Region I think it is important that members across the city-region are engaged appropriately in the process.

Yn gywir,
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phil Bale', written in a cursive style.

**CYNGHORYDD / COUNCILLOR PHIL BALE
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