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Councillor Bob Derbyshire  
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Dear Councillor Derbyshire

## **ECONOMY AND CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 15 FEBRUARY 2016**

### **Draft Corporate Plan 2016 – 2018 and Budget Proposals 2016/17 Environment Portfolio**

Thank you for attending Committee to present your Portfolio's draft Corporate Plan and Budget proposals that fall within this Committee's terms of reference. I will be grateful if you could also pass on the thanks of Committee to Andrew Gregory for his presentation and for addressing the questions raised during the meeting. This letter contains observations and requests for information agreed by Members at the end of the meeting.

On the whole, the Committee is content with the savings proposals from your portfolio put forward within the Budget Proposals 2016/17, and the aspirations set out within the Corporate Plan, that fall under this Committee terms of reference. We do however wish to mention our slight reservations with regard to the £450,000 saving to be achieved through the reshaping of grounds maintenance services. This is something we intend to monitor over the coming year, as we anticipate there could be discontent from the public when it becomes more apparent which areas of the city are going to be subject to reduced frequency of grass cutting. We also anticipate that additional burdens will be placed on Community Councils to undertake additional grounds maintenance and hope that there are plans for Council rules and regulations to be relaxed to assist in this respect.

Members wish to note that during the meeting we were informed that there are no planned changes to the provision of parks pitches for outdoor sports, despite the proposals to reshape grounds maintenance services and to reduce the subsidy to outdoor sports.

I would be grateful if you would consider the above comments, and look forward to receiving your feedback.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rod McKerlich', with a horizontal line underneath it.

**Councillor Rod McKerlich**  
**Chairperson, Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee**

cc Andrew Gregory, Director: City Operations  
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Cllr Nigel Howells, Chair of Policy Review and Performance Scrutiny  
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