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Dear Councillor Goodway,

**Joint Economy & Culture and Environmental Scrutiny Committee: 18 July 2017**

On behalf of both the Economy & Culture and Environmental Scrutiny Committees, please accept our thanks for attending our meeting for pre-decision scrutiny of the report to Cabinet titled 'Funding the New Bus Transport Interchange'. Members wish also to pass on their thanks to Neil Hanratty for his attendance and presentation. Members have asked that I pass on the following comments and observations from their discussion at the Way Forward.

Members share the wish to see a high quality bus transport interchange in place as soon as possible and understand the need for this to be achieved within the agreed financial envelope. Having considered the evidence presented regarding market demand for student accommodation in Cardiff, Members support the proposal to move from private rented sector accommodation to student accommodation. Members are pleased to hear that there are ongoing discussions regarding the office space and hope these are successful. However, Members are supportive of a market driven approach for this space as well, subject to further planning application, if required.

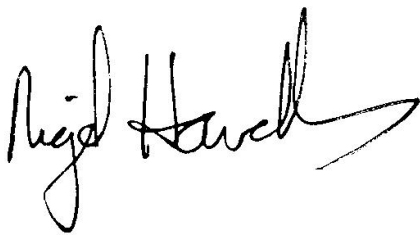
With regard to the second recommendation to Cabinet to delegate authority, Members support this, on the understanding that the usual due diligence checks would apply to ensure robust financial modelling and consideration of legal advice. Members support the appointment of external cost consultants and professional

advisors to ensure that the Council achieves value for money. Members also recognise the usefulness in acquiring the Saunders Road car park site.

Members note the bid to Welsh Government for assistance in meeting technical fit out and highway improvements. Members would like to be kept informed of progress with this bid, in terms of the amount awarded and the uses agreed for the grant funding.

Overall, having considered the evidence presented to the Committee, Members are supportive of the recommendations to Cabinet and look forward to progress being made on the site.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nigel Howells', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**COUNCILLOR NIGEL HOWELLS  
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