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**CULTURE & LEISURE STATEMENT**

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**APSE Apprentice Awards 2018**

I am delighted to confirm that two of our Parks Trainees, Rhian Colledge & Caroline Evans, have been shortlisted for the 2018 Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE) Apprentice Awards in the Horticultural category. This is an excellent achievement for both trainees to be shortlisted within the top six in the UK. The Parks Service has also been nominated for an Employers Award in recognition of provision of a quality training scheme and its commitment to local employment.

**Events**

The Made by Hand Contemporary Craft Festival will return to City Hall on 2-4 November for its fifth year. This annual contemporary craft event provides a unique opportunity to showcase the excellence of Welsh craft artists, and also affords the opportunity for visitors to try a craft for themselves.

I am sure that Members would wish to join me in congratulating the South Wales Fire & Rescue Service for their successful hosting of the annual UK Rescue Organisation (UKRO) Challenge in Roald Dahl Plass in Cardiff Bay on 27-29 September 2018. UKRO is a charitable organisation, which aims to drive the national agenda on road death reduction, by pushing vehicle extrication to its professional pinnacle and showcasing other rescue disciplines. The Challenge is a prestigious annual event, which has greatly assisted in the improvement of rescue standards and technical skills within fire and medical professionals. The 2018 Cardiff Challenge brought added value for competitors and attending Service personnel with a comprehensive suite of education workshops and training events. It also offered a chance to engage with our communities and share key safety messages. My appreciation also goes to the Events Team for their support in helping to advise on, and facilitate, the delivery of this event.

**Councillor Peter Bradbury  
Cabinet Member for Culture & Leisure  
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