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Committee ECONOMY & CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date and Time of Meeting MONDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2021, 4.30 PM

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Councillor Nigel Howells
Chairperson Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee
City of Cardiff Council
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Annwyl/Dear Nigel

Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee: 22 February 2021

Thank you for your letter dated 23 February 2021 and the useful comments raised. I can assure you that Cabinet was able to reflect on the points raised prior to our meeting on 25 February 2021.

Some specific comments in respect of the points made are included below:

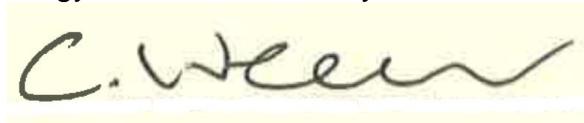
- The comments and observations of the committee are welcome. A new, consolidated step will be included in the Corporate Plan to clearly set out the Council's response to Brexit, particularly in promoting Welsh Government and UK Government transition support for businesses and supporting EU residents in Cardiff to access the Settlement Scheme should they wish to do so.
- I will ensure that officers share the Real Living Wage Plan report with this Committee.
- In respect of Metro Central and the Allotment Strategy, officers will be happy to work with Scrutiny colleagues to arrange an update.
- For the Allotment Strategy specifically, we do need to reflect and consider the priorities for the service moving forward, particularly in light of the pandemic, climate change and the emerging One Planet Strategy. Indeed our allotment provision can play an important role in supporting the Council's ambitions. Central to the review will be a consultation exercise with stakeholders ensuring that the issues and opportunities facing the service are understood.
- In respect of KS5.2, we will make it clear and reword as "The number of new jobs created and safeguarded where the Council has played an active role".



- There has been an increase in income for CBTC & our workshops, and this new level of income will be included in next year's budget. Whilst there is not an opportunity to amend the saving narrative at this stage, (as it does not form part of the Budget Report), I can confirm that the Committee's suggested saving narrative: "Cardiff Business Technology Centre (CBTC) and Workshop Estate – Increase income budgets to reflect current levels of rental income" accurately reflects the position.
- In relation to the deletion of the tourism post, Members should note that this only relates to a saving of £10,000 and will not impact on the delivery of this service as the key focus going forward is in marketing and promotion.
- I am pleased to advise that Library members are able to access newspapers and magazines online through Pressreader free of charge. There is an annual set charge to the Council for this, but this fee is already included in the Library budget. This charge does not rise if the numbers of users increase.
- The Adult Learning team will continue to deliver as much online training as possible and are currently exploring other funding opportunities to expand and enhance this offer further

I hope that this letter capture all the points raised in your letter and thank you again for your support in the budget process.

Yn gywir / Yours sincerely



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