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Committee ECONOMY & CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

**Date and Time
of Meeting** THURSDAY, 13 MAY 2021, 4.30 PM

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Date: 14 May 2021

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Dear Councillor Bradbury,

Let's make Cardiff Greener, Healthier and Wilder

Our thanks to you, Neil Hanratty and Jon Maidment for attending Committee on 13 May 2021 for the above item. Members are pleased to see the progress made in implementing the motion agreed by Full Council at its meeting on 28 January 2021.

In particular, we note and welcome the following:

- That there will be meetings over the summer with ward councillors to discuss sites for increasing the tree canopy, including via the Urban Forest project
- That an Ash Dieback Strategy is being prepared and should be available by summer 2021
- That more trees are planted each year in Cardiff than are felled
- That a partnership approach between the Council and private suppliers will continue to ensure sufficient supplies of local trees
- That the funding secured to date to increase the tree canopy includes monies to educate local residents about the value of trees, including street trees.

With regard to protecting river and Bay edges for public access and use, Members note the points made at the meeting regarding the role of planning policy and the need for scheme viability. However, we wish to reiterate our view, as discussed at our 11 March 2021 meeting during discussions on the ISV and Velodrome proposals, that we would want to see sufficient space by the water available to be enjoyed by members of the public.

During our way forward discussions, a member queried what additional benefit the National Park City movement would bring to Cardiff, given the work already undertaken and planned. Members would welcome some elaboration on this in your response to this letter.

At the meeting, Members raised the need to shift the emphasis from recycling to reducing waste, in order to reach our One Planet Cardiff goals. Members were pleased to hear recognition of the need for this, from yourself and officers. Therefore, **Members recommend** that the report to Cabinet be amended to add in and shift the emphasis onto the need to reduce waste, rather than simply improve recycling rates. Whilst it is recognised that there needs to be improved recycling rates, particularly by tackling contaminated recycling, the need to reduce waste comes ahead of this. This recommendation has been sent to you already by email, to ensure you received it ahead of Cabinet paper despatch, and is included in this letter for completeness.

Finally, Members thank you for the offer to bring regular updates to Committee and will bear this in mind when setting our work programme for the forthcoming year. To recap, this letter requires a response, please, to the following points:

Request for additional information

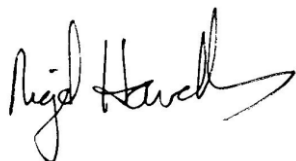
An explanation of the additional value the National Park City movement would bring to Cardiff, above the work already planned to increase tree canopy and enhance biodiversity.

Recommendation

Amend the report to Cabinet by adding in and emphasising the need to reduce waste, followed by improving recycling rates.

Thanks again to you and all who attended with you.

Yours sincerely,



COUNCILLOR NIGEL HOWELLS
CHAIR, ECONOMY & CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

cc Members of the Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee
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Fy Nghyf / My Ref: CM45733

Dyddiad / Date: 19 May 2021

Councillor Nigel Howells
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Annwyl/Dear Nigel

Scrutiny - E&C 13 May - Greener, Healthier, WilderThank you for your letter dated 14th May.

I was pleased to read your positive remarks regarding aspects of the report covering tree management, over time the Council, with partners has made good progress in providing a sound platform from which to develop our ambitions further.

The National Park City concept is, as I outlined at the meeting, a relatively new one with London being the only city worldwide to hold the status. There is currently an absence of benefit metrics and while the report highlights existing Cardiff work streams and partnerships, I do believe that given the strong and increasing interest in the green agenda there are further opportunities for engaging wide ranging stakeholders stimulating participation. Furthermore, I also indicated that the concept had equal application across other portfolio areas particularly Clean Streets, Recycling & Environment and Strategic Planning & Transport, and should not be seen as vehicle for securing further tree and biodiversity enhancement benefits only.

Working with other emerging National Park Cities will bring opportunities for collaboration and learning, however I recognise that cities have unique characteristics and identities, Cardiff being a case in point. Therein an opportunity exists to support the development of a movement that reflects our ambitions and needs and which, in my view will develop organically.

I can also confirm that the content of the Cabinet Report has been updated to reflecting the inclusion of waste reduction, in addition to recycling, in line with Committee Members recommendations.

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Your comments and the views of Committee Members, in respect of the protection of river and bay edges have been noted.

If you require anything further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yn gywir

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Bradbury', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Y Cyngorydd / Councillor Councillor Peter Bradbury
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Cabinet Member for Culture & Leisure

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Dear Councillor Goodway,

Llanrumney Regeneration

Thank you for attending Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee on 13 May 2021, along with Neil Hanratty, Chris Barnett and Eirian Jones to discuss the report to Cabinet regarding the next stages in the Llanrumney Regeneration.

Members wish to thank Neil Hanratty for his overview presentation of the report to Cabinet and, in particular, for detailing the objections received during the public consultation on the disposal of the playing field at Ball Road. Having noted these and considered the responses to them, we are satisfied the responses are sufficient.

Members note that no objections were received from statutory consultees and that there is local support from ward members and local sports clubs for disposal and the improvements that flow from that for the area and local sports provision.

As part of the discussion in closed session, Members sought clarification of the funding required for the refurbishment of Pentwyn Leisure Centre and the sources of this funding. We look forward to receiving this information from Neil Hanratty, as offered at the meeting.

Overall, Members remain supportive of the whole of the Llanrumney Regeneration project and have no concerns remaining. Therefore, unless there are significant changes to the proposals as outlined to Committee, Members do not feel that they need to scrutinise future reports.

Finally, as with the Canal Quarter Regeneration item, Members note that we did not receive the report to Cabinet or its appendices. Members are aware that this is the first meeting following the pre-election period, with papers due out the day after the election, and so we are understanding of the reasons why this has happened. However, this is obviously something that we would not wish to become the norm, a view I am sure you share.

This letter requires a response please, to the following point:

Request for information

Pentwyn Leisure Centre refurbishment – funding required and sources of funding identified.

Thank you again for attending Committee and we wish you all the best with this project, which will significantly improve employment opportunities, housing and sporting facilities in Llanrumney.

Yours sincerely,



COUNCILLOR NIGEL HOWELLS
CHAIR, ECONOMY & CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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Dear Councillor Goodway,

Canal Quarter Regeneration

Our thanks to you, Neil Hanratty, Chris Barnett and Eirian Jones for attending Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee on 13 May 2021, to discuss the report to Cabinet on the Canal Quarter regeneration proposals.

Members were very interested to receive information on the proposed development framework for the Canal Quarter, setting out the administration's ambitions for the area. Members note the aim to create new public spaces, green and blue, mixed use development, with active frontages along main boulevards catering for independent business as well as larger stores, and enhanced public and active travel routes. Members note the intention to develop different character areas, including new residential areas.

Members asked several questions regarding the proposed blue spaces and note the following responses:

- Further work is required to ascertain whether pumping will be required to ensure sufficient levels for the dock feeder to function as an appealing water feature
- The water in the public plaza next to the Admiral building will be flowing water.

Members recognise the ambition to create high-density, mixed-use space and were interested to understand how potential conflicts between residential and business use would be minimised. Members note that strong design, such as soundproof materials and placing residential on the higher storeys of buildings, coupled with

strong management, including work on the Night Time Economy with the BID, For Cardiff, will be essential to enable this along with regulatory activity, such as enforcing licensing conditions.

Members were pleased to note the work to strengthen public and active transport whilst retaining private vehicular access. Members are aware of the growing role of Queen Street station, already the second busiest station in Wales and due to expand further with work on the South Wales Metro. Members therefore feel that now is the right time for the Council to push for an additional access route into the station, from the rear of the station, to benefit travellers from the East of Cardiff. At the meeting, officers outlined initial discussions are ongoing with Transport for Wales and others on potentially creating a rear access route from Newport Road. **Therefore, Members recommend** that the Council lobby Transport for Wales and other relevant bodies to make the case for a rear access route into Queen Street Station.

In our way forward discussions, Members reflected on the proposed uses set out in the development framework. This area of the city has, until recently, played host to several live music venues and Members feel it is important that this legacy is reflected in future uses for this area, particularly given our aspiration to be a music city and the need, as set out in the Music City report, to ensure there are small scale venues that support the development of new artists and bands. Our view is that it will be a good outcome for the regeneration of this area if it incorporates music, arts and culture venues and we hope to see these encouraged and brought forward as part of development proposals.

In the confidential part of our meeting, Members heard about the proposed Option Agreement and note a further report will be brought to Cabinet if the Option Agreement is exercised.

Finally, our comments above are based on the presentation and discussion at committee, not having sight of the report to Cabinet or appendices. Members recognise and appreciate that this Cabinet meeting is the first meeting following the pre-election period and therefore we understand the issue with ensuring reports were available for scrutiny. Members thank you for acknowledging this at Committee and

are confident that you and officers will work to ensure that this does not become a regular occurrence.

This letter requires a response to the following recommendation:

Recommendation

Members recommend that the Council lobby Transport for Wales and other relevant bodies to make the case for a rear access route into Queen Street Station.

Yours sincerely,



COUNCILLOR NIGEL HOWELLS
CHAIR, ECONOMY & CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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County Councillor Russell Goodway OBE OStJ
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19 July 2021

County Councillor Nigel Howells
Chair, Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee

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Dear Nigel

CANAL QUARTER REGENERATION

Thank you for your letter dated 17 May 2021 in the above connection and I apologise for the delay in replying to you. I think this may be due to some confusion resulting from the fact that you wrote two letters to me on that date and I replied to only one.

Thank you for your comments regarding the Administration's proposals, which I have noted. I believe this scheme will be hugely important for the city and will create a vibrant mixed-use sustainable development that will benefit workers, visitors and residents alike.

Regarding your recommendation, I can confirm that my officials are already exploring options with Transport for Wales regarding the rear access to Queen Street, and I would be happy to keep you updated on progress.

Yours sincerely

Russell

RUSSELL GOODWAY
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Dear Councillor Thomas,

Greener, Fairer, Stronger: Cardiff Recovery & Renewal Strategy

Our thanks to you, Councillor Russell Goodway, Neil Hanratty and Jon Day for attending Committee on 13 May 2021 to discuss the report to Cabinet regarding the above item.

Members wish to thank Jon Day for his detailed presentation that gave them a good overview of the proposed way forward to support business, safeguard existing jobs, create more and better jobs and create a better city to live in and to visit. Members are pleased that the consultation on the strategy includes specific strands for children, young people and representative groups, as well as the public and stakeholders. Members welcome that the consultation will be used to finesse the final strategy, due to be reported to Cabinet this autumn and we look forward to scrutinising it.

In response to our questions at the meeting, Members note that:

- A mixture of public and private funding will be needed to deliver the proposals set out in the Strategy
- Cardiff is attracting investment attention from the private sector, despite the pandemic
- There is on-going demand for Grade A office space, both locally-driven and due to potential relocations from elsewhere in the U.K., and that therefore the current Key Performance Indicator for Grade A office space is still appropriate
- There is interest in communal workspace provision in the city centre and across the city, and officers are in discussions regarding this

- It is important to make it easier to visit local centres and to highlight to all residents the worth of visiting local centres across Cardiff.

At the meeting, a Member raised the possibility of including the Wales Coastal Path in the Strategy. Members were pleased to hear this accepted by yourself, Cllr Goodway and officers, especially as it would help tie this Strategy into the East Cardiff Industrial Strategy, which this Committee supports. Therefore, **Members recommend** that the Strategy be amended by including the Wales Coastal Path and emphasising its role as a visitor attraction and benefit to local residents.

With regard to the Business Improvement District, Members are pleased that a second term is being sought, given the sterling work undertaken by FOR Cardiff to date. Members note the proposed Business Plan 2021-2026 focuses on enhancing, delivering and representing the city centre, with an emphasis on equality. Members further note that Cabinet is asked to approve a vote in favour of the proposed second term.

This letter requires a response, as it contains the following:

Recommendation

That the Recovery & Renewal Strategy be amended to include the Wales Coastal Path, emphasising its role as a visitor attraction and a benefit available to all local residents.

Thank you again for attending Committee.

Yours sincerely,



COUNCILLOR NIGEL HOWELLS
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Councillor Nigel Howells
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Annwyl/Dear Councillor Howells,

Thank you for your letter dated 17 May 2021 regarding *Greener, Fairer, Stronger: Cardiff Recovery & Renewal Strategy*, and thank you for inviting myself and colleagues to the Scrutiny Committee meeting. Your comments on the report and presentation are noted and much appreciated. I have no doubt that as our city responds to the pandemic we will do so in a way that sees a better city emerge.

With regard to the proposed recommendation: *That the Recovery & Renewal Strategy be amended to include the Wales Coastal Path, emphasising its role as a visitor attraction and a benefit available to all local residents*, we have included the following proposed project in the draft Strategy to reflect the role that the Coastal Path, as well as other similar assets, can play in our recovery:

“Develop and promote current assets such as the Wales Coastal Path to provide more outdoor attractions for residents and visitors across the city.”

Thanks again for your contributions and we look forward to updating you on progress later this year on the engagement exercise.

Yn gywir,
Yours sincerely,

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