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CORRESPONDENCE FOLLOWING THE COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee ECONOMY & CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date and Time of Meeting MONDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2021, 4.30 PM

Please find below correspondence send by the Committee Chair following the meeting, together with any responses received.

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Date: 21 September 2021

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Public Letter

Dear Councillor Goodway,

Indoor Arena – Full Business Case

Our thanks to you, Neil Hanratty and Chris Barnett for attending Committee on 20 September 2021 to discuss the report to Cabinet regarding the above item. Much of our discussion centred on the confidential information contained in Appendices 2-7 of the report to Cabinet; I have written to you separately to capture our comments and observations regarding this.

Our comments in relation to information in the public domain are:

Artists Impressions – Members felt that the released CGIs could be perceived as too dark and foreboding and were pleased to hear that daytime CGIs are also available. Whilst this is a minor point in the scale of the proposed scheme and financial complexities, it is also an important point as these images help to shape the public's perceptions. Members therefore feel it would be beneficial to use daytime CGIs as well in future press releases.

Environmentally Friendly construction and venues – Members sought reassurance that work was in hand to ensure the construction process for the Indoor Arena and the final building itself would be carbon neutral and sustainable. Members were pleased to hear that the design discussions to date have reduced energy usage by 40%, that discussions are ongoing regarding the Arena joining the Cardiff Heat

Network and that an Energy Strategy is being developed that focuses on ensuring net carbon zero.

Covid Passes – the Welsh Government recently decided to require covid passes for events of the size of those that will be held at the Indoor Arena. Members are interested to understand the potential impact of this on the Arena. Members request your views on whether the Arena will lose events to nearby arenas in England, such as in Bristol, where covid passes are not required and, if so, what impact this will have on the viability of the Arena.

This letter requires a response, please, to the request summarised below.

Requests following this scrutiny

For ease of reference the request contained in the letter is as follows.

- your views on whether the Arena will lose events to nearby arenas in England, such as in Bristol, where covid passes are not required and, if so, what impact this will have on the viability of the Arena

Yours sincerely,



COUNCILLOR NIGEL HOWELLS
CHAIR, ECONOMY & CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

cc Members of the Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee
Neil Hanratty Chris Barnett
Clair James Cabinet Support Office

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County Councillor Russell Goodway OBE OStJ
Cabinet Member, Investment & Development

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23 September 2021

County Councillor Nigel Howells
Chair, Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee

By email: nhowells@cardiff.gov.uk

Public Letter



Dear Nigel

INDOOR ARENA

Thank you for your letter dated 21 September 2021 regarding the Full Business Case for the proposed Indoor Arena in Cardiff Bay. Your Committee's support for the project is appreciated.

I will ask my officials to source a wider range of visuals showing what the Arena will look like and how it will benefit Cardiff and the surrounding communities. I will ensure that we re-emphasise the carbon neutral aspect of the Atlantic Wharf development.

Your committee has raised a specific question relating to the impact on events should an asymmetric approach to the use of Covid-19 passports between Wales and England persists. I am advised that the working assumption is that when the arena opens in some three years' time, it is expected that current restrictions will have been removed. If such restrictions do remain in place for a sustained period, the impact of the policy then in place would be modelled to understand what response, if any, would be required to mitigate for its impact.

Yours sincerely

Russell

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Dear Councillor Goodway,

International Sports Village Update & Development Strategy

Members have asked that I pass on our thanks to you, Neil Hanratty, Chris Barnett, and Jo Anne Phillips for attending Committee on 20 September 2021 to discuss the report to Cabinet regarding the above item. Much of our discussion centred on the confidential information contained in Appendices 1 and 5-11 of the report to Cabinet; I have written to you separately to capture our comments and observations regarding this.

Our comments in relation to information in the public domain fall into two areas, the Bay edge walkway, and the Velodrome.

Members took the opportunity to raise again our wish for the Bay edge walkway to be both continuous and wide enough to facilitate enjoyable and safe access for the public to the water's edge. We have set out in previous correspondence our expectations and the reasons for these. Members thank officers for reiterating that it is their aspiration to provide a continuous walkway of sufficient width but that the width will depend on market conditions and site viabilities.

Regarding the Velodrome, Members acknowledge that this is not within the remit of this report. However, Committee Members have received an email from the Save Maindy velodrome campaign setting out various concerns with existing proposals. I have requested that Scrutiny Services forward this email to you and to the officers

copied into this letter. Members request that, in your reply to this letter, you provide responses to the issues raised in the email.

Finally, Members note that reports on Outline Business Cases for the Closed Loop Circuit and the relocation of Motocross will be taken to Cabinet in future months.

This letter requires a response, please, to the request summarised below.

Requests following this scrutiny

For ease of reference the request contained in the letter is as follows.

- That in the reply to this letter you provide a response to the issues raised in the email from the Save Maindy velodrome campaign group, which has been forwarded to you by Scrutiny Services.

Yours sincerely,



COUNCILLOR NIGEL HOWELLS
CHAIR, ECONOMY & CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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23 September 2021

County Councillor Nigel Howells
Chair, Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee

By email: nhowells@cardiff.gov.uk

Public Letter



Dear Nigel

INTERNATIONAL SPORTS VILLAGE

I refer to your letter dated 22 September 2021 in connection with the report regarding proposals for the site of the International Sports Village, which will be considered by Cabinet later today.

I note that your committee made particular comments on two elements of the proposals set out in the report, namely the Bay Edge Walkway and the Velodrome.

You acknowledge in your letter that I share your committee's aspirations relating to the Bay Edge Walkway and we will endeavour to achieve those aspirations during the design and planning stages.

I note that your committee has asked me to respond to issues relating to the proposed Velodrome and specifically those raised in a letter from a local resident. This is despite, as you acknowledge in your letter, that these matters fall outside of the scope of this Cabinet report.

Issues relating to the Full Business Case for the Velodrome project will be reported to Cabinet at its December meeting. That report will address the issues of financial liability, the operating model and will address the issues raised in the local resident's letter. It will also include an appraisal of the ongoing community engagement process, including details of the discussions taking place with the Maindy Flyers, Cardiff Ajax and a number of other representative organisations.

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In December, we can also address the environmental impact of the proposals, but suffice to say, my understanding is that the relocation of the facility will allow for an increase in the current level of public open space at the Maindy site. The environmental impact will also take account of the accessibility of the new site.

I appreciate realise that some people in the local community are eager to receive early answers to their questions. However, I firmly believe that the right time to address their concerns is in December when Cabinet considers the Full Business Case for project.

Yours sincerely



RUSSELL GOODWAY
CABINET MEMBER, INVESTMENT & DEVELOPMENT

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Councillor Ramesh Patel
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Annwyl / Dear Councillor Patel,

**Cardiff Replacement Local Development Plan: Vision, Issues and Objectives
and Integrated Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report**

Thank you for your letter dated 23 September 2021 in relation to the Environmental Scrutiny Committee held on 22 September 2021. Please see attached response to your recommendations, I apologise for the delay in responding.

Yn gywir / Yours sincerely,

Cynghorydd / Councillor Caro Wild
Aelod Cabinet dros Gynllunio Strategol a Thrafnidiaeth
Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning & Transport

GWEITHIO DROS GAERDYDD, GWEITHIO DROSOCH CHI

Mae'r Cyngor yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg, Saesneg neu'n ddwyieithog. Byddwn yn cyfathrebu â chi yn ôl eich dewis, dim ond i chi roi gwybod i ni pa un sydd well gennych. Ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

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The Council welcomes correspondence in Welsh, English or bilingually. We will ensure that we communicate with you in the language of your choice, as long as you let us know which you prefer. Corresponding in Welsh will not lead to delay.



Recommendation	Accepted, Partially Accepted or Not Accepted	Cabinet Response	Lead Cabinet Member	Responsible Officer	Implementation Date
1. The draft RLDP vision be amended to ensure the objective, to provide exemplar houses and communities which are the best in the UK is included	Accepted	The final version of the RLDP Vision and Objectives to be included within the Preferred Strategy will be considered by Cabinet and Council in September 2022 and this proposed amendment can be considered as part of this process. Scrutiny Members can also be updated on progress with this as part of the ongoing Task and Finish Group on the RLDP.		Simon Gilbert & Stuart Williams	September 2022
2. The LDP objectives be revised to include the importance of addressing embodied carbon, particularly in existing buildings and to acknowledge and give due consideration to carbon use when demolishing existing buildings.	Accepted	The final version of the RLDP Vision and Objectives to be included within the Preferred Strategy will be considered by Cabinet and Council in September 2022 and this proposed amendment can be considered as part of this process. Scrutiny Members can also be updated on progress with this as part of the ongoing Task and Finish Group on the RLDP.		Simon Gilbert & Stuart Williams	September 2022
3. Additional avenues for generating public awareness and encouraging engagement with the Plans future consultations is sought through the use of local radio and television stations, particularly if social distancing restrictions remain or increase, and, when restrictions allow, in-person consultation exercises or public drop-in sessions are conducted	Accepted	Such avenues will be explored fully for the forthcoming consultation on the Preferred Strategy. This is the first formal stage of consultation on the RLDP and is a key stage in the process.		Simon Gilbert & Stuart Williams	November 2022
4. Specific, targeted messaging is deployed during the consultation process to both raise awareness and encourage engagement. This should include developing a young person focused consultation through social media and working more closely with schools and workplaces to disseminate information about the consultation. Further to this, hard copies	Accepted	As part of a series of forthcoming focus groups designed to reach out to groups who do not normally engage in the LDP preparation process the Council is seeking to engage with children and young people. In addition, the current consultation on strategic options is accompanied by a comprehensive and		Simon Gilbert & Stuart Williams	November 2022

detailing the RLDP should also be available within the city's libraries and hubs along with an accessible handout, presented in an engaging manner to stimulate public interest and engagement.		targeted social media campaign and this will also be undertaken in parallel with the forthcoming consultation on the Preferred Strategy together with hard copies of accessible documents being made available in the city's libraries and hubs.			
5. That future consultation look to engage with Council Members from BAME backgrounds and utilise their knowledge of these communities. Members expressed awareness of considerable engagement with BAME communities during the pandemic over Covid related issues, but simply via different and innovative approaches. The Committee proposed that these be explored to improve the Council's own engagement with these groups, particularly for the RLDP	Accepted	As part of a forthcoming series of focus groups designed to reach out to groups who do not normally engage in the LDP preparation process the Council is seeking to engage with communities from BAME backgrounds. It will be important to draw on the knowledge of Council Members from BAME backgrounds to ensure the planned engagement on the RLDP is fully representative of these communities.		Simon Gilbert & Stuart Williams	November 2022
6. That the Council also engage university students directly as the current response indicates that online engagement may not be as effective.	Accepted	As part of a series of forthcoming focus groups designed to reach out to groups who do not normally engage in the LDP preparation process the Council is seeking to engage with university students.		Simon Gilbert & Stuart Williams	November 2022
7. Prior to the potential candidate sites being launched, Councillors in affected wards are provided with a confidential high-level briefing to ensure they are pro-actively informed	Accepted	Member briefing held on 24 th November 2021 and list of candidate site submissions circulated to Members ahead of the launch on 30 th November.		Simon Gilbert & Stuart Williams	November 2021
8. At an appropriate time, a square footage limit for properties be included in the Plan.	Accepted	This matter will be fully explored in the forthcoming preparation of the Replacement LDP taking into account Welsh Government Guidance and Best Practice from across the UK. Scrutiny Members will be updated on progress with this as part of the ongoing Task and Finish Group on the Replacement LDP.		Simon Gilbert & Stuart Williams	September 2022

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