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## CORRESPONDENCE FOLLOWING THE COMMITTEE MEETING

**Committee** ECONOMY & CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

**Date and Time of Meeting** TUESDAY, 21 MARCH 2023, 5.00 PM

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

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Date: 22 March 2023

Councillor Thomas & Councillor Burke  
Leader, Cabinet Member  
Cardiff Council  
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### Public Letter

Dear Councillor Thomas,

### **EURO's 2028 FINAL BID**

Members have asked that I pass on their thanks to you, Councillor Burke, Paul Orders and Kathryn Richards for attending our meeting for pre-decision scrutiny of the report to Cabinet titled '*UEFA European Football Championships Final Tournament 2028 (UEFA EURO 2028) Bid*'. Members have asked that I pass on the following comments and observations on the public information; I have sent a separate confidential letter capturing our comments on the exempt information.

### **Key Risk**

Members note that the main risk to the Council is that, given we are five years out from event delivery, costs escalate and that this could be compounded by unpredictable factors, such as higher security costs. Members note the Council and partners are actively managing this risk, using tried and tested arrangements, our previous knowledge and experience gained from hosting major events, and an open-book approach. Members were pleased to hear there is a good level of trust with partners and that there is sufficient capacity within the Council and partners.

### **Transport**

Members were keen to understand how the transport network would cope with event delivery. Members note that there will be a specific transport plan, prepared with partners, which will likely include Network Rail, Great Western Rail and Transport for Wales providing additional capacity on their networks to meet the needs of visitors over the event period, as happened during the Champions League event.

## **Legacy**

Members sought clarification of what residents can expect to see in terms of legacy from this event. Members were pleased to hear that there will be a multi-faceted programme that will result in a strong impact on social inclusion, diversity and economic legacy. Members note the details of this can only be discussed in a confidential session to avoid competitors learning about our bid proposals.

## **Communications**

Members note that lessons have been learnt following the Champions League communication plan, to ensure that an appropriate balance is struck between forewarning of events and encouraging visitors to Cardiff and encouraging longer-term stays in Cardiff.

Finally, Members wish to express their full support for the Final Bid and wish you and the bid team every success.

This letter does not require a response, thanks.

Yours sincerely,



**COUNCILLOR PETER WONG  
CHAIR, ECONOMY & CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

cc Members of the Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee  
Group Leaders - Cllr Robson, Cllr Berman, Cllr Gibson  
David Hugh Thomas – Chair, Governance & Audit Committee  
Paul Orders Kathryn Richards  
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Date: 23 March 2023

Neil Hanratty  
Director of Economic Development  
Cardiff Council  
County Hall  
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### Public Letter

Dear Neil,

### **ATLANTIC WHARF UPDATE**

Our thanks to you and Chris Barnett for attending our meeting for pre-decision scrutiny of the report to Cabinet titled '*Atlantic Wharf Update*'. Members have asked that I pass on the following comments and observations on the public information; I have sent a separate confidential letter capturing our comments on the exempt information. Both letters are copied to Councillor Goodway, Cabinet Member- Investment and Development, whose apologies we note for not being able to attend this meeting.

### **Council Costs**

Members highlighted that the Council's acquisition costs for purchasing the Red Dragon Centre will need to be accounted for. Members appreciated your explanation that the Outline Business Case for the Red Dragon Centre, which is due to be considered by Cabinet in July 2023, will need to demonstrate how the Council recovers the initial capital outlay, from the wider Atlantic Wharf development, and will need to demonstrate that the new Red Dragon Centre is commercially viable.

### **Infrastructure Review**

Members sought assurance that the infrastructure review being undertaken by Live Nation to identify savings will not lead to a diminution of quality. Members note your assurance that there will be no compromise on design and that public realm and open space provision will be dealt with by the usual planning routes. Members appreciated your explanation that savings are being found by a design review and by

reducing abortive costs by improving site phasing including road, energy and drainage infrastructure alignment.

Thanks again to you and Chris Barnett for your attendance at committee.

This letter does not require a response, thanks.

Yours sincerely,

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**COUNCILLOR PETER WONG  
CHAIR, ECONOMY & CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

cc Cllr Russell Goodway – Cabinet Member – Investment and Development  
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