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25 October 2016

Councillor Ramesh Patel,  
Cabinet Member for Transport, Planning & Sustainability,  
County Hall,  
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Dear Councillor Patel,

**Environmental Scrutiny Committee – 4 October 2016**

On behalf of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee I would like to thank you and the officers from City Operations for attending the Committee meeting on Tuesday 4 October 2016. As you are aware the meeting considered an item titled 'Pavement & Footway Maintenance in Cardiff'. The comments and observations made by Members following this item are set out in this letter.

**Pavement & Footway Maintenance in Cardiff**

- During the way forward Members agreed that the best long term approach for pavement and footway maintenance in Cardiff was to take a steady state funding approach. This echoed the comments made about maintenance of the overall highway asset in May 2016. The letter sent to you after the meeting in May 2016 has been attached to this letter as **Appendix 1.**
- Members noted the importance of a well maintained highway asset for Cardiff and in particular emphasised the need for good quality carriageways and pavements. **Whilst acknowledging the difficult financial position that the Council faces they ask that you continue to look for additional capital funds to support further improvements to the overall highway asset.**

- The subject of parking across paving slabs and pennant stone was raised during the meeting. Members were concerned about the damage that such irresponsible parking causes and the financial impact that this has on the highway maintenance budget. **I would be grateful if you could provide the Committee with a summary of the costs created by this problem for the financial years 2014/15 and 2015/16.**
- Members are aware of the damage that trees cause to pavements and footways across Cardiff. **I would be grateful if you could provide the Committee with a summary of the costs that tree damage caused to pavements and footways during the financial years 2014/15 and 2015/16.**

I would be grateful if you would consider the above comments and provide a response to the requests made in this letter.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. D. Mitchell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underlining the name.

Councillor Paul Mitchell  
Chairperson Environmental Scrutiny Committee

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