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Annwyl/Dear Rod

Scrutiny - E & C 14th February 2017

Thank you for your letter of 14th February 2017, and for inviting me to attend the Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee.

I note your comments relating to the Council's Leisure Partnership with GLL and will ensure that the outcome of the audit on changing facilities will be brought to a future meeting.

I also appreciate the issue you raise about the wording in line 64 of the Capital Programme in relation to a bid to the Museums, Archives & Libraries Grant. I can confirm that there will be a comprehensive library provision at the Llanedeyrn Hub in line with our Hub and Library strategy and the bid, if successful, would enhance that provision. The wording will be amended to clarify the matter.

I am happy to commit to providing committee with regular updates on the progress of service developments delivered with partners from the Community Hubs across the city.

With regards to the "enhanced in-house" model for Arts Management, I will ask officers to work with Scrutiny staff to ensure an update is included within the 2017/18 work programme.

Thank you again for inviting me to the Committee meeting and for the work of the Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee.

Yn gywir
Yours sincerely

Councillor / Y Cynghorydd Peter Bradbury
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Dear Councillor Bradbury

ECONOMY AND CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 14 FEBRUARY 2015

Draft Corporate Plan 2017 – 2019 and Budget Proposals 2017/18 Community Development, Co-operatives & Social Enterprise Portfolio

Thank you for attending the February meeting of the Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee, where we considered the draft Corporate Plan and budget proposals falling under the Committee terms of reference. I appreciate that our consideration of the budget by Directorate Portfolio resulted in your participation across the majority of the meeting and welcome your commitment to answering Members' questions throughout the meeting. I will be grateful if you could also pass on the thanks of Committee to Sarah McGill, Neil Hanratty and Andrew Gregory for their presentations and for supporting you to answer our queries.

City Operations Directorate

The Committee notes that a substantial saving from the City Operations Directorate is apportioned to the Council's Leisure Partnership with GLL. This was discussed during the meeting and Members were given assurances that this figure is tied into the contract agreement we have in place, with the saving to be delivered by GLL. We are glad savings such as this have been written into the contract and trust that robust measures and controls are in place to ensure their delivery.

Members of the Committee are interested to hear more on the plans for refurbishment of sports facilities, enabled through allocation of Financial Resilience Mechanism funding. You commented that an audit of changing facilities across Cardiff is being conducted to inform the prioritisation process, and we welcome your commitment to bring this for the Committee's consideration in the future. We

recognise that a revamp of all facilities across Cardiff is out of scope and consequently feel it is important that a robust evaluation and prioritisation is undertaken to ensure the venues most in need get the attention they merit.

Communities, Housing and Customer Services Directorate

A minor comment from the Communities, Housing and Customer Services Directorate proposals is with regard to the bid for finance from the Museums, Archives and Libraries Division listed within the Capital Programme. We feel this could be misleading and may have been incorrectly badged or described. The Committee accepts your assurances that library provision will be present at the Llanrumney Hub regardless of whether or not this bid is successful.

Members were informed at the meeting that while finance has not been allocated within the budget for improvements at existing Hubs across the city, there is work ongoing with other public sector partners to drive service improvements and improved customer experience. We anticipate the Committee receiving updates on this through quarterly consideration of performance, and expect the Committee will be interested to see how this work develops.

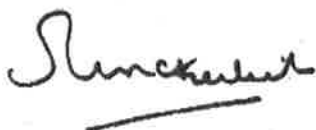
Economic Development Directorate

I will be writing to you separately to outline the Committee observations with regard to the Arts Management Procurement Exercise as a whole, but for the purposes of budget scrutiny I will use this opportunity to provide financial observations.

The 2017/18 budget proposals include £415,000 savings across the two venues in question. It was explained during the meeting that a combination of increased sales, natural staff turnover and improved working practices will deliver these savings, and there was confidence that these savings were achievable in order to drive down the subsidy these venues receive. The delivery of the 'Enhanced In-house' model will no doubt be of interest to this Committee in the future and we expect that a review will be scheduled into the Committee 2017/18 work programme.

I would be grateful if you would consider the above comments, observations and recommendations, and look forward to receiving your feedback.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rod McKerlich', with a horizontal line underneath it.

Councillor Rod McKerlich
Chairperson, Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee

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