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Dear Councillor Thomas and Councillor Bradbury,

Economy & Culture and Environmental Scrutiny Committee: 9 November 2017

Thank you for attending Committee to take Members through the confidential report regarding the opportunity to submit a bid to be a host city for Euro 2020. Members recognise that the timeline for the bid submission meant that information was not available to go out with our papers; Members therefore appreciate the Chief Executive, Neil Hanratty and Kathryn Richards taking the Committee through the report and discussing the implications for Cardiff Council and for Cardiff as a whole.

Having considered the evidence presented at the meeting, Members are supportive of the proposal to submit a bid to be a host city for Euro 2020. Members recognise the many benefits that this would bring to Cardiff, in terms of immediate economic benefits and in terms of worldwide exposure.

Members are particularly pleased to hear that city centre businesses will be involved in the local organising committee, with a view to ensuring event planning takes into account their needs and improves communication channels.

As raised at the meeting, major events in the city also have an impact on local residents and communities. Members were pleased to hear you acknowledge this and recognise the need to utilise communications with ward councillors and community organisations. Regular updates will enable ward Members to help to manage residents expectations and highlight the many benefits major events bring to

Cardiff. Members understand that, particularly with regard to security considerations, there may be last minute, unforeseen impacts; however, good event planning with partners will minimise these.

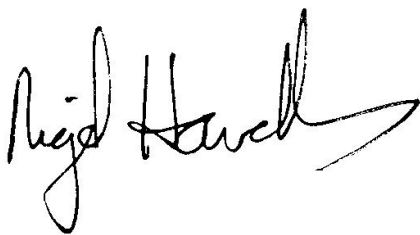
Members also wish to highlight the need for additional policing in those adjacent areas most affected by city centre events, such as areas of Riverside and Grangetown.

Members note that the Council no longer has a Corporate Initiatives budget and that the Council's financial commitment to the Euro 2020 bid will be capped. Members also note that this commitment utilises the delegated flexibility in this regard.

In the event of a successful bid, Members would appreciate as much transparency as possible in the event planning; this Committee will make time in our work programme to scrutinise this.

We wish you well in the bidding process; thank you again for the opportunity to scrutinise the proposals. Given the nature of the item, Committee Members gave their support to my decision to deem this an urgent item, not subject to Call-In.

Yours sincerely,

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

**COUNCILLOR NIGEL HOWELLS
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