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Councillor Nigel Howells  
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Room 270  
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Annwyl / Dear Nigel

**Scrutiny Economy & Culture And Environmental Scrutiny Committee 19  
February 2019**

**Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee – 19 February 2019**

Thank you for your letter dated 20 February 2019 and the useful comments raised. I can assure you that Cabinet was able to reflect on the points raised prior to our meeting on 21 February 2019.

**Corporate Plan 2019-2022**

With regard to the reference to the previous Corporate Plan commitment 'to develop a business plan to protect the city's historic assets', it should be noted that this has now been operationalised. The *Securing the Future of Cardiff's Heritage Buildings* report that was taken to Cabinet in November 2018 outlined the approach to supporting our city's heritage buildings, and commits to subsequent decisions on specific proposals being brought back to Cabinet, as well as scrutiny, at a future date.

The request to scrutinise the detail of the Cardiff Bay masterplan and next phase of development of the International Sports Village is noted, and officers will liaise with Scrutiny Services to programme this as soon as is practicable.

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## **Consultation**

As you note in your letter, additional efforts were made this year to engage a wider and representative sample of our city, but it is my view we must try to do more. I will be working with PRAP scrutiny committee on how we prepare for consultation for next year, and will welcome the input and ideas that come via the Scrutiny Chairs Liaison Forum. We intend to specifically try to engage and hear from more children and younger people, which we tried this year but did not get the level of response I would like to see. The consultation was successful in many aspects and engaged a wide number of people from across the city, but I am keen to improve still further.

## **Economic Directorate**

Your comments on these points are noted:

- Officers recognise the financial challenges also faced by partner organisations but remain committed to seeking collaborative and sustainable funding solutions to deliver valued discretionary services.
- The presentation of the Inquiry into Events conducted by the Economy and Culture Scrutiny Task & Finish Group will be helpful in informing the City's future events strategy.
- The request to scrutinise any new lease arrangements in respect of the New Theatre is noted and officers will liaise with scrutiny services to ensure this is programmed accordingly.

## **Communities & Housing**

Your comments on these points are noted:

- As soon as changes to the Welsh Government Grant for Adult Learning are confirmed, the Directorate would welcome the opportunity to bring a paper to this committee on how any reduction will impact the service.
- The Directorate will continue to work closely with ward members on any proposed changes to libraries and hubs, and appreciate the role that they play in informing future plans and encouraging take up from residents in their ward.

I hope that this letter captures all the points raised in your letter and thank you again for your support in the budget process.

Yours sincerely



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