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Councillor Michael Michael,
Cabinet Member for Clean Streets, Recycling & Environment,
County Hall,
Atlantic Wharf,
Cardiff CF10 4UW.



Dear Councillor Michael,

Environmental Scrutiny Committee – 2nd April 2019

On behalf of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee I would like to thank you and the officers for attending the Committee meeting on Tuesday 2nd April 2019 to discuss the item titled 'Lamby Way Solar Farm – Progress Update'. The comments and observations made by Members on the areas relevant to your portfolio of responsibility are set out in this letter.

Lamby Way Solar Farm

- The Committee is very supportive of this project and believe that it will be a great addition to the Council's existing infrastructure. They would like to thank you and the staff involved in developing the scheme and hope that it will soon be generating sustainable electric, reducing Cardiff's carbon footprint and generating much needed income.
- During the way forward a Member asked for further detail on the work that had been undertaken to ensure that there isn't a negative impact on biodiversity in and around the proposed solar farm. In particular it the Committee would like some confirmation of proposed biodiversity enhancements that might take place as a result of the scheme. I would be grateful if you could provide the Committee with this information.
- At the meeting I asked for details on the anticipated rate of return from the solar farm over the 35 year life of the scheme, and for confirmation of the additional number of homes that would now be powered as a result of

increasing the size of the solar farm. I would be grateful if you could provide the Committee with this information.

- Members were concerned that the prospect of 'Brexit' and potential currency fluctuations associated with this change might impact on the viability of the solar farm. It would be appreciated if you could provide the Committee with assurance that the potential risks presented by 'Brexit' have been mitigated and will not prevent the delivery of the scheme.
- The Committee raised the question of maintenance arrangements for the solar farm during the way forward. They have asked for confirmation of how the solar farm will be maintained during the life of the scheme, who will be responsible for carrying out the maintenance and the cost of this work.

I would be grateful if you would consider the above comments and provide a response to the content of this letter.

Regards,



Councillor Ramesh Patel
Chairperson Environmental Scrutiny Committee

Cc:

- Andrew Gregory - Director of Planning, Transport & Environment
- Gareth Harcombe - Operational Manager - Energy & Sustainability
- Davina Fiore - Director of Governance & Legal Services
- Members of Cardiff's Environmental Scrutiny Committee