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Dear Lynda,

**COMMUNITY & ADULT SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 1 MAY 2019 –
COUNCIL HOUSE BUILDING STRATEGY**

As Chair of the Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee, I wish to thank you and officers for attending Committee and providing Members with an opportunity to review the Council House Building Strategy prior to its consideration by Cabinet on 16 May. Members of the Committee have requested that I feedback the following comments and observations to you:

Overall Members shared your enthusiasm for such an ambitious strategy which, if implemented within the planned timeframe, will provide a significant impact for the residents of Cardiff. Members were content to hear that the Cardiff Design Standard had been included in the Cabinet Report in response to Committees concerns following the briefing they received on 3 April. However Members noted that the Design Standard does require updating and would request this comes to Committee once the changes have been fully drafted.

Members raised concerns surrounding the possible constraints funding could have on the deliverance of this scheme. However were encouraged by the comments about the Welsh Government's acknowledgment of restraint and the possible challenges this could entail.

Members also raised concerns surrounding planning and queried the current schedule of planning submissions. Members were content to hear that additional Appendices would be included in the Cabinet Report which would detail the pipeline for delivery. As offered, Members would appreciate this information being circulated to Committee Members. When highlighting the possible detrimental impact planning delays could hold on the scheme, Members were content to be informed that these risks could be mitigated through the production of more modular builds.

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Mae'r Cyngor yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg, Saesneg neu'n ddwyieithog. Byddwn yn cyfathrebu â chi yn ôl eich dewis, dim ond i chi roi gwybod i ni pa un sydd well gennych. Ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

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Thank you again to you and officers for attending. I do not require a response to this letter, but have tasked CASSC's Scrutiny Officer to work with officers in facilitating the circulation of the Appendices referenced within this letter.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'M. McGarry', followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line that ends in a small upward hook.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MARY M^cGARRY

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