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Dear Councillor Goodway,

Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee: 3 October 2019

Members have asked I pass on their thanks to you, Neil Hanratty and Jon Day for attending our meeting for pre-decision scrutiny of the report to Cabinet titled '*Cardiff East Industrial Strategy*'. Members have asked that I pass on the following comments and observations from their discussion at the Way Forward.

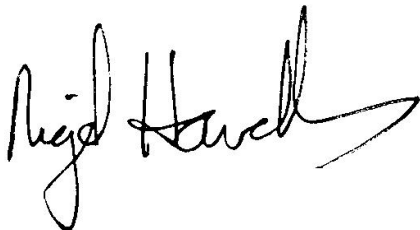
Overall, Members welcome the Cardiff East Industrial Strategy and support the recommendations to Cabinet. Members recognise the challenges facing this area, both natural barriers and the legacy of an industrial landscape. Members find it encouraging that the vision for this area includes the need to enhance the environment as well as attract industry and we agree that there is an opportunity for Cardiff to work with public and private partners to deliver a sustainable and attractive environment that includes industry. There is an opportunity to boost green tourism and wellbeing, particularly by improving the coastal zone.

Improving transport is key to the success of the Strategy; the area needs a rail link and we note that Cardiff Parkway would meet that requirement. Members note that it is anticipated that a planning application for this will be submitted in Spring 2020 and that Welsh Government has indicated it wishes to be involved. Members recognise that highway improvements are needed and that active travel routes need enhancing, including ensuring that cycle routes into Newport are improved.

Members note that the Strategy aligns to the UK Industrial Strategy, ensuring that bids to associated funding streams are in line. As discussed at Committee, this is a 20-year strategy and it is essential there is a mix of public/ private funding in order to deliver; Members note that this may require an element of public funded pump priming and that officers are exploring innovative financing solutions, including Tax Increment Financing and Free Ports.

Thank you again for attending Committee and Members look forward to scrutinising projects and plans as these come forward.

Yours sincerely,

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

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