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Annwyl/Dear Councillor Walker

PRAP - Budget Progress Overview & Consultation

Thank you for your letter following the Policy Review & Performance Scrutiny Committee held on 12th December 2018. I apologise for the slight delay in responding.

Budget Consultation 2019/20

Thank you for the Committee's comments on the budget consultation for 2019/20. We will take these on board in developing the consultation next year.

It remains my view that overall, the document succeeds in explaining complex issues relating to the Council's budget in a simple way, both in terms of the language used and through the use of infographics. For example, the first 10 pages of the consultation document are dedicated to explaining major trends in the city, how these translate into demand pressures and what this means for the funding of Council services. I feel too that the document this year benefits from a greater policy focus, with our budget proposals clearly aligned to Capital Ambition priorities and also seeks to explain how savings and proposals that are not part of the budget consultation contribute to closing the Council's 'budget gap.' This understanding of wider context is vital to helping consultees make an informed judgement on the specific budget proposals.

In relation to your comment on ensuring that sufficient information is available to respondees to make an informed judgement on specific proposals, the document seeks to strike a balance between providing too much detail and

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ensuring that it remains accessible and easy to read. That is why, wherever possible, reference is made in the consultation to the specific detail in the budget proposal summary document.

That said, I take the Committee's comments on board in relation to the clarity of certain passages and improvements that could be made to the consultation in future years. Recognising that the timescales are short between the announcement of the Local Government Settlement in October and publication of the survey in November, I am committed to exploring opportunities for working with the Committee on the development of the consultation document for next year's budget.

Yn gywir
Yours sincerely



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