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Councillor Caro Wild,
Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning & Transport,
County Hall,
Atlantic Wharf,
Cardiff CF10 4UW.



Dear Councillor Wild,

Environmental Scrutiny Committee – 3 July 2018

On behalf of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee I would like to thank the officers for attending the Committee meeting on Tuesday 3 July 2018. As you are aware the meeting received items titled 'Planning, Transport & Environment Directorate Delivery Plan 2018/19' and 'Planning, Transport & Environment Quarter 3 & 4 Performance Reports 2017/18'. The comments and observations made by Members following these items are set out in this letter. Due to the cross cutting nature of both of these items, the points made below are not specifically allocated against a single item:

- During the meeting a Member asked how in practical terms the modal split performance indicator was measured and then calculated. The Director for Planning, Transport & Environment explained that this was done using a series of surveys that were carried out across the year and agreed to provide full details of what was measured; how this was recorded; when the details were collected and the formula of the actual calculation. I would be grateful if you could arrange for this information to be provided.
- A Member asked if the introduction of the recently introduced Nextbike scheme had been a success. The Director for Planning, Transport & Environment explained that the launch had been a success with Cardiff outperforming most of the other cities that had introduced the Nextbike scheme. He explained that each bike was being used at least four times a

day, which was a very promising start. The Committee welcome these positive comments and look forward to receiving future updates. In the meantime I would be grateful if you could provide Members with:

- Full details of the scheme including the total number of bikes in operation; the number of people that have signed up to use the scheme; the number of times the bikes are used each day; the total revenue generated and the most popular location(s) for bike hire.
 - During the way forward a Member felt that we needed to know what the Council defined as ‘the definition of success’ for the scheme.
- The Planning, Transport & Environment Directorate Delivery Plan included the new air quality indicator titled ‘*CL/AIR/001 – The amount of NO2 measured annually across the city*’. This included a target level of 35ug/m3 for 2018/19, but no actual values for 2016/17 and 2017/18. A Member felt that values need to be included for 2016/17 and 2017/18 given that the Council has been measuring air quality across the city for many years. I would be grateful if you could provide the Committee with the values and look to include them in the Planning, Transport & Environment Directorate Delivery Plan 2018/19.
 - The Planning, Transport & Environment Directorate Delivery Plan included two new performance indicators that relate to bringing private / empty properties back into use, these are:
 - *PAM/013 – Percentage of empty private sector properties brought back into use during the year through direct action by the local authority.*
 - *PAM/014 – Number of additional dwellings created as a result of bringing empty properties back into use.*

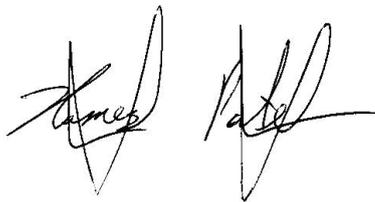
The targets for these were 2.8% and 20 respectively, however, both of these values were highlighted in yellow and followed by a question mark. The Committee would like confirmation of the final target value for both of

these and that the Planning, Transport & Environment Directorate Delivery Plan 2018/19 is updated to reflect these values.

- During the way forward a Member commented that the Planning, Transport & Environment Directorate Delivery Plan 2018/19 contained planning indicators that measured the percentage of affordable housing at completion stage provided in a development on brownfield and greenfield sites (PLA/011 & PLA/012), however, there was nothing explicit in the document to record the percentage of properties required as a result of the Local Development Plan to be built to enable older people to remain in their own homes. I would be grateful if you could confirm if such an indicator exists.

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

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ramesh Patel', written in a cursive style.

Councillor Ramesh Patel
Chairperson Environmental Scrutiny Committee

Cc:

- Andrew Gregory - Director of City Operations
- Matt Wakelam - Operational Manager, Infrastructure & Operations
- Paul Carter – Head of Transport
- James Clemence – Head of Planning
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