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16<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Councillor Michael Michael,  
County Hall,  
Atlantic Wharf,  
Cardiff CF10 4UW.



Dear Councillor Michael,

**Environmental Scrutiny Committee – 15 June 2021 – Costal Risk Management**

On behalf of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee I would like to thank you and the Assistant Director for Street Scene for attending Committee on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June to discuss the Costal Risk Management report and providing Members with a detailed update. As highlighted at Committee, Members look forward to receiving the future Cabinet report which is anticipated November / December 2021. Following our consideration, Members of the Committee have requested that I feed back the following to you.

During the meeting, the change in estimated construction cost from 11m to 23.5m was highlighted along with the reasons for this increase in cost and Members note that how the Council will manage the identified shortfall in funding will be detailed in the future report. Members do however wish to comment, that there is the possibility of costs increasing further and so wish to seek further information from yourself, and officers, surrounding how we as a Council are preparing and managing the possibility of a further cost increase. Committee also wish to request that going forward, should cost increase by £500,000 or more, Committee be automatically informed.

In addition to the above request, Committee also wish to request they remain automatically updated on the following:

- Any changes to the traveller site to that detailed at Committee (regarding the erection of a fence).

- An update when a storage location for the rocks is found.

During the meeting it was confirmed that when work commences there will be an impact on the costal path with diversions in place. Members wish to stress the importance that this is advertised widely, and at the earliest opportunity in order to provide residents, and visitors to Cardiff with relevant notice.

Finally Members note that securing the Marine Licences is the biggest challenge recognised by yourself and officers and wish to stress the importance of working with NRW closely to ensure the license is signed off in order to avoid cost implications.

Thank you once more to you and the officer for attending the meeting. For ease of reference, the requests detailed in this letter are as follows:

- Detail on the plan in place if costs were to increase.
- Confirmation that Committee will be automatically updated on the following instances –
  - I. Cost increase by £500,000 or more
  - II. Changes to the traveller site to that detailed at the meeting.
  - III. When a storage location for the rocks is found.

A response to this letter is requested.

Regards,



Councillor Ramesh Patel

Chairperson Environmental Scrutiny Committee

Cc:

- Matt Wakelam, Assistant Director for Street Scene
- Members of Cardiff's Environmental Scrutiny Committee