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Dear Councillor Bradbury,

### **Leisure Services Contract - GLL**

Thank you for attending Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee on 5 November 2020, along with Neil Hanratty and Steve Morris as well as Rhys Jones from GLL, for pre-decision scrutiny of the report to Cabinet on the Leisure Services Contract with GLL.

Overall, Members are supportive of the recommendations to Cabinet. Members recognise the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on GLL and the whole of the leisure sector. Members are reassured that an open book approach is being used, with financial officers undertaking the necessary scrutiny of the financial projections of GLL.

Members appreciate the reasons for bringing to Members' attention the need to raise the risk level to that of a Corporate Red Risk, and that these include demonstrating implementation of improvements suggested during the recent WAO Review of Leisure. Members wish to highlight that they have prioritised scrutiny of this WAO report at committee, when it is publically available.

Members note the aim of the fundamental review of the existing contract is to identify variations that will ensure the long-term sustainability of GLL provision of services in Cardiff, which we welcome. Members wish to scrutinise the proposed contract

variations and ask that officers ensure they liaise with scrutiny services to ensure this is scheduled appropriately.

During our earlier item at committee, Members explored the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the leisure sector and youth sport in particular. I have written separately to you detailing our observations following this but wish to reiterate in this letter the Committee's wholehearted support for covid-secure leisure and sports. Leisure services are vital for our physical and mental health and wellbeing and boost cohesion in our communities, all of which is sorely needed in these times.

Thanks again to you and all who attended with you. This letter does not require a response.

Yours sincerely,



**COUNCILLOR NIGEL HOWELLS**  
**CHAIR, ECONOMY & CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

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