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Councillor David Walker
Chair, Policy Review and Performance
Scrutiny Committee

Via email: n.newton@cardiff.gov.uk

Annwyl / Dear David,

Thank you for your letter dated 15th October 2021 and for inviting me as chair of Cardiff's Public Services Board (PSB) to present the PSB's Annual Report 2020/21 alongside Charles Janczewski (PSB Vice Chair), the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales and colleagues from Cardiff & Vale University Health Board. I wish to extend my thanks to the Committee on a very constructive session discussing the work and future of Cardiff's PSB.

Having worked closely with partners across the public sector throughout the pandemic, at times on a daily basis, to address the various challenges facing the city, I was pleased to see that the Committee recognises the excellent work that has been undertaken over the past 18 months. In particular, I wholeheartedly agree with the observation that the PSB had operated less as a committee and more as a team. As a collective we are committed to maintaining the momentum in partnership working that has been developed in the past 18 months. Our response to the pandemic has demonstrated that decisions and actions can be taken swiftly, backed by appropriate resources, and we are working to identify priorities, such as those raised during the meeting, that we will aim to address, together, as Cardiff emerges from the pandemic.

As outlined during the presentation, Cardiff PSB has commissioned a review of partnership priorities to support the recovery and renewal of the city, and a review of the governance arrangements – and culture – that will be needed to support their delivery. The PSB is scheduled to consider the initial findings of this review in November 2021.

In relation to the specific recommendation that the Committee makes around partnership asset planning and management, the PSB agrees that there is clear value in sharing assets across PSB partner organisations, with benefits to be gained in terms of service provision and resource allocation, particularly as organisations across the city move toward more hybrid and different ways of working. I expect this area to be identified as a priority for partnership action in the review outlined above, and while I agree that a strategic approach to asset management is required, reporting to the PSB, it is not clear to me whether a formal strategy is also required at this stage and would not wish to pre-empt the outcome of work underway at the moment. I will ensure that progress is reported back to the Committee in due course.

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Mae'r Cyngor yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg, Saesneg neu'n ddwyieithog. Byddwn yn cyfathrebu â chi yn ôl eich dewis, dim ond i chi roi gwybod i ni pa un sydd well gennych. Ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

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In closing, it is clear that there are major challenges facing the city as we move toward a period of recovery and renewal following the Covid-19 pandemic. I am confident that the leadership, direction and cooperation facilitated through Cardiff PSB and its wider delivery arrangements will allow us to tackle these issues together and in the most effective manner possible.

Committee Recommendation	Response	Detail
We recommend further coordinated progress in this area [sharing assets] and the formulation of a PSB strategic plan.	Partially Accept	The PSB agrees that a strategic approach to the management of assets is required, particularly as member organisations transition to different ways of working, and work is already underway to progress this. The PSB will not yet commit to the production of a fully formed partnership asset management strategy, as recommended by the committee. The PSB commits to report progress on this matter back to the committee in due course.

Yn gywir,
Yours sincerely,



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