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Dear Councillor Thomas,

Greener, Fairer, Stronger: Cardiff Recovery & Renewal Strategy

Our thanks to you, Councillor Russell Goodway, Neil Hanratty and Jon Day for attending Committee on 13 May 2021 to discuss the report to Cabinet regarding the above item.

Members wish to thank Jon Day for his detailed presentation that gave them a good overview of the proposed way forward to support business, safeguard existing jobs, create more and better jobs and create a better city to live in and to visit. Members are pleased that the consultation on the strategy includes specific strands for children, young people and representative groups, as well as the public and stakeholders. Members welcome that the consultation will be used to finesse the final strategy, due to be reported to Cabinet this autumn and we look forward to scrutinising it.

In response to our questions at the meeting, Members note that:

- A mixture of public and private funding will be needed to deliver the proposals set out in the Strategy
- Cardiff is attracting investment attention from the private sector, despite the pandemic
- There is on-going demand for Grade A office space, both locally-driven and due to potential relocations from elsewhere in the U.K., and that therefore the current Key Performance Indicator for Grade A office space is still appropriate
- There is interest in communal workspace provision in the city centre and across the city, and officers are in discussions regarding this

- It is important to make it easier to visit local centres and to highlight to all residents the worth of visiting local centres across Cardiff.

At the meeting, a Member raised the possibility of including the Wales Coastal Path in the Strategy. Members were pleased to hear this accepted by yourself, Cllr Goodway and officers, especially as it would help tie this Strategy into the East Cardiff Industrial Strategy, which this Committee supports. Therefore, **Members recommend** that the Strategy be amended by including the Wales Coastal Path and emphasising its role as a visitor attraction and benefit to local residents.

With regard to the Business Improvement District, Members are pleased that a second term is being sought, given the sterling work undertaken by FOR Cardiff to date. Members note the proposed Business Plan 2021-2026 focuses on enhancing, delivering and representing the city centre, with an emphasis on equality. Members further note that Cabinet is asked to approve a vote in favour of the proposed second term.

This letter requires a response, as it contains the following:

Recommendation

That the Recovery & Renewal Strategy be amended to include the Wales Coastal Path, emphasising its role as a visitor attraction and a benefit available to all local residents.

Thank you again for attending Committee.

Yours sincerely,



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