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Councillor Nigel Howells
Chair, Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee

Via email: Angela.Holt@cardiff.gov.uk

Annwyl/Dear Nigel,

City Recovery & Renewal Strategy - Engagement Update

Thank you for inviting me and officials to present at your Scrutiny Committee of 18th November 2021, and for your consideration of the Recovery and Renewal Strategy. As ever your consideration is greatly appreciated.

With regard to your specific comments on the report, we have now included reference to these comments in the final version, including reference to the Scrutiny Committee. Specifically, the City of Villages Mission (now renamed 15 Minute City) notes that:

"The need to ensure that all corners of Cardiff are included in the 'Fifteen Minute City' concept was also raised by the Council's Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee."

The Tech City Mission now also notes that:

"The Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee also highlighted the need for comprehensive digital access across the city."

In reference to this a priority has now been re-written to outline the need to "Embed technology in the future delivery of public services and ensure equality of access across the city and alternative routes for those with difficulties in accessing digital services."

These issues will also be taken forward in any subsequent work relating to regeneration and digital infrastructure in the city.

We will also look into the issue of better communication relating to the bus station with our City Centre Management Team and Visit Cardiff team, and similarly we will look at the issue of Taxi access. It should be noted that Transport for Wales will be operating the new bus station and are responsible for the taxi facilities. Notwithstanding this the Council are working closely with colleagues in Transport for Wales on these issues. Furthermore, Transport for Wales are keen to ensure good access to both the bus and railway stations and have established a working group to consider in detail accessibility issues.

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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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With regard to details on wheelchair access provision there is now a requirement for any new private development or Council provided open space to incorporate full accessibility (for example by way of inclusion of appropriate dropped kerbing, adequate space to manoeuvre, reduced street furniture, appropriate tactile paving) into the design. All new disabled parking bays within the city centre will also now incorporate dropped kerbs to improve wheelchair access. All permanent bus stops in the city already include raised kerbing to facilitate wheelchair access on to the buses. Additional work is also currently underway at the temporary bus stops abutting the pop-up cycleways to improve accessibility. The council is also currently progressing a proposal to rationalise the street furniture within the city centre, which includes a study that has been commissioned to review all the street furniture on High Street and St Mary Street.

Thank you again for inviting us to the Scrutiny meeting of 18th November 2021 and I look forward to updating you on progress.

Yn gywir,
Yours sincerely,

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

CYNGHORYDD / COUNCILLOR HUW THOMAS
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