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Dear Peter

Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee : 28 February 2023

Thank you for your letter dated 1 March 2023 and the useful comments raised. I can assure you that Cabinet was able to reflect on the points raised prior to our meeting on 2 March 2023.

I hope that this letter captures all the points raised in your letter and thank you again for your support in the budget process.

Corporate Plan – Arts and Culture

The Corporate Plan recognises the importance of art and culture to the City, with the Council committed to developing Cardiff as a centre of creativity and culture. Steps such as developing a new Culture Strategy for the City will play an important role in asserting Cardiff's position as a leading destination for art, music and culture. As part of reviewing the Corporate Plan, the Council would also welcome the opportunity to consider how arts and culture can be further promoted across the City, and used to help achieve a Stronger, Fairer and Greener Cardiff and we look forward to working with the Committee on this ambition.

Budget Consultation at St David's Hall

The Budget Consultation was available online and widely distributed in community venues across Cardiff with around 6,000 responses received in total. Hard copies of the survey were made available in St. David's Hall and the Museum of Cardiff. The hard copies also contained the QR code providing access to the online survey so that digital access could be promoted in community venues. An advert was placed on loop on the TV monitors in the foyer areas of St David's Hall to encourage participation.

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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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Pentwyn Leisure Centre – Capital Programme

The original budget for Pentwyn Leisure Centre consisted of £4 million of 'Invest to Save' capital and £1 million to £1.5 million from a planned capital receipt relating to the Llanrumney Regeneration Scheme.

The £4 million 'Invest to Save' capital is contained within the Capital Programme. The figure has reduced to £3.694 million to reflect the money already spent on developing the project to date. Inflationary pressures have impacted on both the proposed Pentwyn Scheme and the Llanrumney Regeneration Scheme with the result that the capital receipt is no longer available.

It is anticipated that the additional funding required to make up any shortfall will be funded by extending the 'Invest to Save' capital once income sources are properly identified and presented to Cabinet for approval as part of a final business case.

Clarification on way forward for Pentwyn Leisure Centre

The proposal for the Leisure Centre currently includes a swimming pool and café as well as new external facilities including a full size 3G pitch. As mentioned above in the letter, the cost of delivering the current scheme goes significantly beyond the approved financial envelope and the Council is currently reviewing the proposal to bring it back within approved budgets and will report back to Cabinet with a plan for approval in May.

Yours sincerely



Y Cyngorydd/Councillor Christopher Weaver
Aelod Cabinet dros Gyllid, Moderneiddio a Pherfformiad/Cabinet member for Finance, Modernisation & Performance

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