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Public Letter

Dear Councillor Thomas,

**UEFA EUROPEAN FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS FINAL TOURNAMENT 2028  
(UEFA EURO 2028) EXPRESSION OF INTEREST'**

On behalf of the Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee, please accept Members' thanks for attending, along with Cabinet colleagues and officers, for our scrutiny of the report to Cabinet for Cardiff to become a bidding host city for the UEFA European Football Championship Final Tournament 2028 ("Euro 2028"). Members have asked that I pass on the following comments and observations on information in the public domain. I have sent a Confidential Letter to capture our observations on the exempt information.

Members welcome the proposal to send an in-principle letter to Welsh Government supporting an expression of interest to be a host city for Euros 2028, in particular with respect to our financial contribution. Members are aware from previous scrutiny that major events bring benefits to Cardiff and Wales. As such, Members are pleased to hear the commitment to negotiate strongly to achieve community benefits, including community sport provision. Members agree with your comments at the meeting that Cardiff is well placed to play a role in delivering a world class Euro 2028 and we are experienced at managing the impact on local communities and residents.

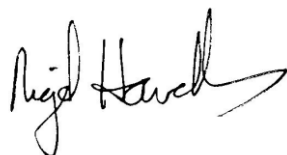
Members sought assurance that the projected requirements and associated cost implications captured in the confidential Appendix (Appendix 1) as an early indication are robust. Members note these are based on previous events, including the Champions League Final and discussions with other potential host cities. Members

also note that, as the Euros are in 2028, these go beyond our Medium-Term Financial Plan and are indicative at this stage. Members also note the point made by yourself and the Chief Executive that it is important to be clear to Welsh Government what the limits are for Cardiff Council, to assist with ongoing dialogue re bid specification.

At the meeting, Members queried what the impact would be for Cardiff were another potential host city to pull out of the process. Members agree with your point that it would be better for all potential host cities to be part of the arrangements, to strengthen the narrative of a five-nation bid but note your view that, if this were to happen, it would not undermine the bid per se, and that Cardiff may be asked to host additional games.

Thank you once again for your attendance at Committee. I wish you well with this important endeavour for our city and for Wales.

Yours sincerely,



**COUNCILLOR NIGEL HOWELLS  
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