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Dear / Annwyl Mary

**COMMUNITY & ADULT SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING 13th
May 2015**

PROGRESS REPORT FOR GYPSY AND TRAVELLER INQUIRY

Firstly, I'd like to congratulate you on your new position as chair of this scrutiny committee. I look forward to working with you in your new role.

Thank for your letter dated 18th May 2015 regarding the progress report presented to Members in relation to the ongoing Gypsy and Traveller Inquiry and setting out agreed comments, observations and recommendations.

We welcome your observations and recommendations which underline the need for the Council to progress this matter as a key priority over the next two years through the project group, chaired by Sarah McGill. This approach will ensure that sites are identified and planning permission and funding secured by May 2017 for short term need and May 2021 for long term need.

As outlined by Officers at the meeting these timescales were submitted to the LDP Examination Inspectors in response to their request for a position statement on this matter and the Inspectors have now given the go-ahead to publish this timetable on the Council's website and it is available to view at the following weblink:

<https://www.cardiff.gov.uk/ENG/resident/Planning/Local-Development-Plan/Examination/Hearings-Timetable/Session11/Documents/AP11.1-5%20and%207%20Response%20to%20Action%20Points%2011.1%20to%2011.7.pdf>

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The Council has also proposed that these timescales are included as an indicator in the LDP Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) which will monitor the implementation of the Plan. This underlines a commitment by the Council to meet these deadlines as failure would trigger a partial review of the LDP.

In relation to the coastal erosion issue at Rover Way, I can report that Infrastructure Design & Construction have confirmed that the survey is due to be completed within the next 2 – 3 months during which time they will also be meeting with representatives from the Welsh Government. We will, of course, keep you updated on this matter.

We very much look forward to working with Committee on this key priority for the Council over the next two years and would welcome an opportunity to update Committee again at an appropriate time in the forthcoming process.

Yours sincerely
Yn gwyir



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