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Annwyl / Dear Councillor Howells

RE: Policy Review and Performance Scrutiny Committee – Corporate Plan and Draft Cabinet Budget Proposals – 17 February 2016

Thank you for your letter of the 18 February 2016 in respect of your scrutiny of the Corporate Plan and budget proposals.

This response to your letter relates to multiple cabinet portfolios and directorates and has been written in consultation with all Cabinet Members and Directors that have responsibility for the relevant functions.

The following paragraphs set out responses to your specific points raised.

Draft Corporate Plan

With regard to the Committee's suggested opportunities for improvement to the draft Corporate Plan 2016-18, I can confirm that the 'Key Terms' section on page 10 of the Plan has been amended to clarify the difference in the measures contained in the main body of the Plan and those in Appendix A. I can further confirm that page 6 of the Corporate Plan has been amended to include a new table and additional wording to help explain and clarify the links between the national 'Well-Being Goals' contained in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015; the 7 'Cardiff Outcomes' contained in the What Matters strategy; the 4 'Council Priorities' and the specific 'Improvement Objectives' contained in the Plan.

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Economic Development

With regard to lines 72 and 82 the Directorate will be happy to present updates on the use of land and buildings across the city to the Policy Review and Performance Scrutiny Committee on an annual basis to provide assurances that we are doing so in a way which balances the financial pressures faced by the Council with community interests.

Governance and Legal Services

Thank you for your constructive comments in relation to the Governance and Legal Services Proposals. We will ensure that sufficient resources remain available to support the work of the scrutiny committees. We will also closely monitor the impact of the local land charge fee increases.

Corporate Management Proposals

I note the Committee's concerns regarding the availability of funding to support events and market the city. I am of the opinion however that sufficient resources will be available but will keep this under review.

Resources Proposals

As the Committee letter notes, explanations in relation to the specific areas raised were provided at the meeting. I note your comments in respect of Audit resources and will keep the matters under review. The budget report does highlight this as a risk in terms of reduction in headcount and potential impact on financial controls. I understand that the allocations of investment in ICT are adequate to support the proposed new ways of working currently under development.

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

Yn gywir,
Yours sincerely,



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