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Dear Councillor Bradbury,

Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee: 12 April 2018

Members of the Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee have asked me to pass on their thanks to you, Steve Morris and Laura Williams from Cardiff Metropolitan University for attending our meeting to discuss the Local Sports Plan 2018/19. Members have the following comments and observations for your consideration.

Members are impressed with the breadth and depth of the Local Sports Plan 2018/19 and can see how it focuses on addressing the priority objectives and key considerations set out in our Joint Venture agreement with Cardiff Metropolitan University regarding the delivery of sports services in Cardiff. The Plan demonstrates how small amounts of funding, coupled with dedicated staff and volunteer provision, can make a huge difference in the delivery of sports across Cardiff. Members note that Sports Cardiff will provide quarterly reports, to Cardiff Council, illustrating the delivery of the Local Sports Plan, using both quantitative and qualitative measures to demonstrate its impact.

Members note and agree with your comments regarding the need to boost grassroots participation, in order to engender a lifelong love of sports and achieve health and wellbeing benefits. As discussed at the meeting, Members welcome the work ongoing re 21st Century Schools programme and ensuring sports provision forms part of this; it is important to ensure that sports facilities based within schools remain accessible and affordable to their local communities.

Members welcome the contributions outlined in the Local Sports Plan re supporting Major Events in Cardiff and note Steve Morris' comments that Cardiff can still demonstrate the legacy of 2012 in its army of volunteers who continue to bring much needed resource to support the successful hosting of events, such as the forthcoming Volvo Ocean Race Cardiff Stopover.

Members are pleased to note that Cardiff Council has recently received confirmation that we will receive the funding that was bid for, as set out in the Local Sports Plan 2018/19. Members note the comments made by witnesses regarding the year on year decrease in funding and that, if this continues, there will come a time when activities will reduce, as all efficiency savings/ contributions in kind will have been maximised.

We discussed the need for sports governing bodies and Sport Wales to reach out to communities, particularly those with a low participation rate, and to shift their focus from elite sports towards grassroots participation. Members recognise the comments made about the reduction in resources at bodies such as Sport Wales, which means they are more reliant on being able to tap into existing community-based projects.

Finally, Members are pleased that the Joint Venture with Cardiff Metropolitan is paying dividends in terms of enabling sports provision in Cardiff, signposting participants to local clubs and assisting those clubs to develop long term, sustainable futures.

Yours sincerely,



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