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Dear Councillor Jones

**Service Improvement and Finance Scrutiny Performance Panel – 12 November
2014**

Thank you for your letter dated 4 December 2014, containing comments and observations from the above Service Improvement and Scrutiny Performance Panel.

I set out below a response to the specific points that you raised:

Collection Rates for Council Tax

I can confirm that the Head of Finance and Delivery will report on Council tax collection rates and arrears levels on a quarterly basis. As you will be aware, the target rate for collection on Council Tax for 2014/15 is 97.5% and the Council is currently on target to achieve that rate.

Western Bay Programme

I note your comments regarding the Western Bay Health and Social Care Programme and I would suggest in the first instance, that a request is made to Sara Harvey, the Regional Programme Director, to give the Scrutiny Panel an overview of financial and governance arrangements within the project. You will be aware that all decisions regarding the programme are the subject of individual decision making by each of the constituent bodies.

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Following the presentation, I would suggest that the Panel agrees the areas it feels that would most benefit from its input.

Swansea Voices Survey: Sustainable Swansea: Fit for the Future Final Report
With regards to the *Swansea Voices Survey: Sustainable Swansea: Fit for the Future Final Report*, although not all wards were included in the initial list of engagement activities, all Councillors received an information pack and were asked to suggest any groups or venues in their ward where they wanted consultation events to take place. As a result, we have since received requests to hold events in Mumbles and Pontarddulais which have been arranged. We have not received any further requests from Councillors.

Councillors also received in the pack questions and feedback form so that they could hold consultations in their own wards.

I trust that this response provides the information that you requested, but if you require any further detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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