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Cabinet Member for Economy and Strategy

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Summary: This is a letter from the Service Improvement and Finance Performance Panel to the Cabinet Member for Economy and Strategy following the meeting of the Panel on 28th March 2018. It concerns the Quarter 3 Performance Monitoring Report 2017/18.

Dear Councillor Stewart,

On 28th March 2018, the Service Improvement and Finance Performance Panel met to consider the Quarter 3 Performance Monitoring Report 2017/18.

We would like to thank Richard Rowlands for attending to brief the Panel on the report.

We have made a number of observations that we wish to share with you.

1. The performance of free school meals pupils remains stable at key stages 2 and 3. However, the gap in performance for free schools meals pupils had widened in 2017 at key stages 4 and at foundation phase. We would like to find out if there are any underlying issues and what is being done to address this?
2. We read that commercial floor space continues to be delivered via the Vibrant and Viable Places funded schemes with public and private sector partners across the City Centre. Can you provide us with the figure relating to the amount of floor space which is due to be delivered?
3. Training and employment person weeks are being created by the Councils Beyond Bricks and Mortar scheme for the unemployed and economically inactive. Can you provide us with the number of training weeks being created?

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4. The number of new housing units created in Swansea City Centre (as a result of V&VP Realising the Potential funding) is below target due to the delay of one scheme. Can you provide details of the delay?

5. The selected operators for the Arena project are very close to signing the legal agreement. Can you provide a timescale for this?

6. We read that demolition of 232 and 233 Oxford St was due to commence in February. Could you please provide us with a breakdown of the demolition? Firstly as a breakdown for each property, then as an overall cost if the combined figure is different.

7. Can you provide us with an update on the funding review which took place in March relating to the mid-term Heritage Lottery Funding review for the Hafod Copperworks?

In addition, the Panel were concerned to read about high levels of staff sickness and we will be contacting the relevant department for a further breakdown relating to this.

Please respond by 18th May 2018.

Yours sincerely,



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