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Dear Councillor Jones

I refer to your letter dated the 6th October 2020 which relates to the Development and Regeneration Scrutiny Performance Panel held on the 14th September and I am pleased to reply to your questions as follows

1. Images of arena, north side residential core and MSCP.

I attach a file of the images as shown to the committee.

2. Panel visit to arena site to be arranged, once possible dates provided.

Unfortunately covid-19 cases have been identified on the Arena site which means that the site has now been closed for site meetings. We are arranging for drone footage for inside and outside the arena which will hopefully be available shortly to share with you. Once a site visit is viable I will make arrangements for you to visit.

3. Information on government departments interested in locating hubs in Swansea and number of jobs that are to be transferred to Swansea.

The majority of jobs to be located at the Swansea Hub (if approved and funded) are already based in the Swansea/greater Swansea area so are not being transferred/consolidated in the City. However, as part of the confidential discussions new jobs might be created if/when the hub opens and that potential increase has been included in their requirements. Plus the IMA is a new organisation to Swansea and that was based in the city as part of the Places for Growth (PfG) initiative. If Swansea Central North is the preferred option then we have been advised that more sensitive information can be shared. As you will be aware the decision on a public sector hub will be subject to a Cabinet report and I support the pre decision scrutiny of this at the relevant time.

4. Information on number of jobs to be created at distillery.

The Penderyn project will create 16.5 jobs.

5. Arrange direct discussion between Cllr Peter Jones and member of Huw Mowbray's team regarding Swansea Vale.

Officers have made contact with Cllr Jones to directly discuss Swansea Vale and Biodiversity.

6. Information requested in scrutiny letter dated 26 February 2020.

Whilst the Kingsway infrastructure is nearing completion final costs have not yet been agreed with the contractor. You will also be aware that there is still an ongoing legal matter in relation to the previous contractor Dawnus in terms of recovering costs due to them entering administration whilst works were ongoing. Once the final position is known I would be happy to share the information with the panel on a redacted basis

I trust this responds to the questions raised in your letter.

Yours sincerely



**Y CYNGHORYDD/COUNCILLOR ROB STEWART
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