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Summary: This is a letter from the Procurement Scrutiny Inquiry Panel to the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Performance following the meeting of the Panel on 24 October 2023. The Panel met to discuss the impact and progress with the recommendations contained in the inquiry report that was agreed at Cabinet on the 20 October 2023.

Dear Cllr Hopkins,

Procurement Scrutiny Inquiry Panel – 24 October 2023

We would like to thank you, the Head of Commercial Services and the Principal Officer Commercial Services for attending our meeting and providing a detailed report giving progress with the scrutiny recommendations that had been agreed by Cabinet on the 20 October 2022. We are writing to you as the Cabinet Member to reflect on what we learnt from the discussion and to share the views of the Panel.

We heard that 9 of the 14 recommendations are completed and we agreed that good progress had been made with the remaining 5.

We were pleased to hear from you that the inquiry had been an inclusive and a beneficial piece of work that had helped to further improve procurement within the City and County of Swansea.

We were encouraged to hear about the positives impacts of the inquiry, including:

- As a result of the Inquiry the profile of the matters raised by the Panel has increased significantly, across the entire Council – from those working on climate change matters through to Audit, for example, as well as at senior management level, so the Panel's focus and interest has highlighted the importance of the

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matters reviewed, particularly the work area's ability to be a driver of and an agent of important change.

- Wider trends have been magnified by the Panel's focus and there has been a high degree of alignment between the Panel's focus and Cabinet's response and thus a general commitment to the direction of travel articulated, showing the strategic alignment of the work and its importance to the future of the Council's operation and impact on its wider environment

From our discussions with you and the officers from Procurement we are satisfied that good progress had been made with all 14 recommendations and are happy to sign of the Scrutiny Inquiry and its recommendations as complete.

Your Response

We would welcome your comments on any of the issues raised in this letter but on this occasion do not require a formal written response.

Yours sincerely

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