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Dear Councillor Holley

**SERVICE IMPROVEMENT, REGENERATION AND FINANCE SCRUTINY
PERFORMANCE PANEL 15 FEBRUARY 2024**

Thank you for your letter of the 14 February 2024.

I respond to your queries as follows.

- An explanation of the regrading of one post (from grade 7 to 9) in the Welsh Translation Service listed in the service pressures and investments table in the Revenue Budget.

Response

A review of the Welsh Translation Unit (WTU) in 2023 identified the need for a senior translator to provide a quality assurance role and to support the other translators' Continuing Professional Development. At the time of the review the WTU comprised six Grade 7 translator posts, one of which became vacant during 2023-24 presenting the opportunity to regrade the vacant post to a Grade 9 Senior Translator role. The new Grade 9 post is currently being advertised.

- Clarification of the move from Mod Gov to cloud listed in service pressures and investments table in the Revenue Budget.

Response

The Modern.gov software was hosted on a Swansea Council server until 5 March 2024. It has now moved to a Modern.gov cloud hosted solution. There are several reasons for this move:

The Swansea Council Server was nearing end of life and would cease to be supported by Microsoft in the coming months.

Modern.gov do not allow their software to be hosted on a third party cloud server. The Head of Democratic Services was keen to place the software onto a cloud based solution to ensure resilience. Failure to have adequate resilience could invalidate decisions at a meeting; should documents not be available for at least 3 clear working days.

The Modern.gov cloud solution was purchased with a significant discount of 15-20% and will allow access to the Modern.gov Hub System which will be launched shortly.

- Clarity on whether the figures shown for city deal funding in the Swansea Central City Deal Programme Capital Expenditure and Budget are the final amounts that Swansea is due to receive.

Response

Yes the figures shown for city deal funding in the Swansea Central City Deal Programme Capital Expenditure and Budget are the final amounts that Swansea is due to receive.

Yours sincerely



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