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Councillor Colin Ross
Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chair
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Dear Cllr Ross,

Thank you very much for your letter (16 November) advising the Mayor of the comments and recommendations made by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at their meeting in October. Dan is looking forward to joining the OSC on the 29th January and, in the meantime, has asked me to respond on the specific points made by the Committee.

Active Travel Baseline Data

Pete Zanzoterra, who presented at Scrutiny Committee's last meeting, has confirmed that the Active Travel Programme has commissioned Sheffield Hallam University to carry out a Monitoring and Evaluation study and a key part of this work will be to look at all the available sources of data and create a baseline data report for Active Travel. It is expected that report will be available during the course of February. This will of course be shared with the Committee.

Climate Emergency

The Governance Team is about to socialise a proposed new board paper template with MCA Members that incorporates a new section requiring Officers preparing papers to ensure Members are made aware of any impact a proposed decision or course of action may have on climate change and the Net Zero ambition. The intention is that completion of this section will be supported by a Climate Change Impact Assessment when and where appropriate. Again, the template will be shared with OSC.

On OSC's wider point concerning the importance of effective public engagement and consultation in addressing climate change challenges, following a recent internal audit we have committed to reviewing and taking action to strengthen our approach.

Finally, although the continuing pandemic created diary problems for the Mayor, I know Dan is still keen to meet with you personally for a belated introductory conversation. Dan's PA, Laura, tells me she will be getting back in touch with you to find a mutually convenient time.

With best wishes,



Stephen Batey
Director of the Mayor's Office
MCA Executive