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To: Chairman of Governance Committee

Dear Janet

I am writing to you in line with a recommendation arising from the Environment and Communities Scrutiny Committee virtual meeting on 24 June.

The Committee asked me to pass on their view to you, that the virtual meeting (including the associated preparatory arrangements) had passed smoothly, and that members considered that it had gone well.

In particular, the following points were raised:

- Holding formal meetings virtually seemed a good fit with the Council's commitments on climate change
- That savings to the authority had accrued due to there being no lunch provided, and no travel expenses
- That members were spared the time taken to commute to and from County Hall

While the meeting on 24/6 worked well, it was felt that three hours (including a short break) should pragmatically be the maximum duration for a virtual scrutiny meeting.

I would be grateful if you could take these points on board when Governance Committee next considers the arrangements for formal meetings.

Best wishes,

Andrew Barrett-Miles
Chairman,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A Barrett-Miles".

Chairman, Environment and Communities Scrutiny Committee

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