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Mr Paul Campbell
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Dear Mr Campbell

Thank you for enquiry regarding a statement made in an ODT story published on Friday 16 March, 2012.

The comments reported in the ODT by myself were made during a time of difficult negotiations. DVML was and is working hard to ensure that all possible revenue streams are maximised so the venue can return an income to the city and thus reduce the burden of debt to the city's ratepayers.

We understand information provided to shareholders relating to the financial reporting of the venue will be made publicly available on 14 May 2012.

We are unable to release information relating to hire arrangements relating to the venue, when there is a level of commercial sensitivity pursuant to section 7 (2) (h) of the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act, to enable DVML to carry on without prejudice commercial activities and 7 (2) (i) to enable DVML without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations and pursuant to 7 (2) (b) (ii) as release of this information with unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or is the subject of this information.

As you may be aware you are able to have the decision to withhold certain information reviewed by the Office of the Ombudsman. Should you have any further inquiries please do not hesitate to contact me further.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Davies".

David Davies
Chief Executive Officer