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Madam Mayor,

I understand that the forthcoming budget discussions may include attempts to cut the funding for the City Climate initiatives, presumably including the Climate Office.

This would be a big mistake. The City spends just a small amount of the budget on climate change, which compares poorly with the size of the problem and the challenges the City faces with respect to changes in the climate. Without proper study and forethought on climate change, the City will face a lot of misallocated dollars and unplanned emergency spending.

In the same way that the City was caught out by cyber attacks, through not spending enough on cyber security, it will face a much bigger bill if it does not continue to prepare its assets, and those owned by residents, for the impacts of climate change.

Far from reducing the budget, the City should look further at how to protect the future by spending some more in the present on climate initiatives.

Regards

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