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**Councillor Paul Scriven  
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Dear Delegate

**“Celebration of Achievements of Women Entrepreneurs”**

Firstly, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to support this event and highlight Sheffield City Council's support for women entrepreneurs in Sheffield and the Region.

We are delighted to be able to help in celebrating the creativity, innovation, skills and employment women entrepreneurs bring to Sheffield's business community. Your Council understands that thriving businesses are at the heart of any successful economy, and moreover recognise the particular role that female business owners and entrepreneurs play in Sheffield's economy

Through the Council's local enterprise programme 'BiG', and in partnership with Inova Consultancy, today's host for this event, we have been working to provide support and training to women starting up or developing their business in Sheffield. The programme has an element dedicated to mentoring women starting up in business who are facing difficulties in order to try and increase the number of women entrepreneurs in the region.

The Council acknowledges that more can be done and we have already committed, through a recent motion to Council, to investigate further how we can help to unlock the full potential of women as entrepreneurs in order to make Sheffield an outstanding place for women to succeed as entrepreneurs in the business world.

The Councils Cabinet member for Employment and Enterprise, Sylvia Anginotti will be speaking at the event and will feed back to me your views of what the Council can do to further help foster female entrepreneurship in Sheffield.

With best wishes

Councillor Paul Scriven  
Leader of the Council

