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CORRESPONDENCE FOLLOWING THE COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date and Time of Meeting TUESDAY, 9 JANUARY 2018, 4.30 PM

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12 January 2018

Councillor Sarah Merry
Cabinet Member - Education and Skills
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Dear Sarah

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank you for attending the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee on 9 January 2018 to provide an opening statement and answering questions on the **School Organisation Proposals: Improving Provision for Children and Young People With Additional Learning Needs (ALN) 2018-22 – draft Cabinet Report**

I would also like to thank Nick Batchelar, Director of Education and Lifelong Learning, and Jennie Hughes, Senior Achievement Leader Inclusion, for the report and answers to Members questions. Members appreciated the opportunity to scrutinise this issue at such an early stage. The Members also wished to express their appreciation for all the hard work that the Education Directorate staff to help address the challenge of the increasing demand for ALN provision.

The Committee was pleased with the draft Cabinet report and noted that a number of further reports would be drafted, Members requested that these further reports should be presented to this Committee, prior to their consideration by Cabinet.

The Committee was also wished to thanks you for answering the questions that had been raised by members of the public prior to the meeting.

In conclusion, the Committee agreed to commend the report to Cabinet.

Yours sincerely

COUNTY COUNCILLOR LEE BRIDGEMAN
Chairperson – Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

CC: Nick Batchelar, Director of Education and Lifelong learning
Jo Watkins – Cabinet Business Manger

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Dear Sarah

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank you for attending the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee on 9 January 2018 to provide an opening statement and answer questions on the agenda item **Cardiff Schools Annual Report 2016/17**. I would also like to thank Nick Batchelar and Jackie Turner for their presentation of the report and answers to Members questions. Members were also pleased to welcome Richard Thomas, Head teacher of Ysgol Pencae and Sian Voyce Head teacher Hywel Dda Primary School, and wished to thank them for their contribution to the scrutiny of this item.

The Committee welcomed the report and considered it to be well set out, clear and easier to understand. Members wished to congratulate the Schools, Consortium and Education Staff for their hard work over the past academic year. The members also asked for you to thank the officers who prepared the report for all their hard work in collecting, analysing and presenting, such a complex set of information, within a tight timescale. During the way forward section of the meeting the Members raised a number of comments, concerns and recommendations which they asked me to write to you on.

The Committee wished to express their pleasure at seeing the significant improvement in the performance of Cardiff schools over the last five years across a number of performance indicators and hopes that this will continue.

The Members, however, did express some concern at the list of areas of continuing concern, and at the need to improve the outcomes of young people as set out in the

summary section of the report. The Members focussed their concerns about improving outcomes for young people at Level 1, and the low attainment of traveller/Roma young people, and requested that a further briefing report setting of the actions to improve these areas be presented to Committee in April.

The Committee also expressed concern at the need to improve outcomes for children who are looked after. The Members welcomed the Directors suggestion to meet with Gillian James, achievement leader, to undertake a deep dive into the Educational attainment of Children who are Looked After, across all key stages. The Committee Chair and Scrutiny Officer will discuss with Gillian James how best the Committee can effectively undertake this deep dive.

Finally I will be writing separately to Richard Thomas, Head teacher of Ysgol Pencae and Sian Voyce Head teacher Hywel Dda Primary School, to thank them for their contribution to the scrutiny of this item.

Yours sincerely

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR LEE BRIDGEMAN
Chair – Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

CC: Nick Batchelar, Director of Education and Lifelong Learning
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Dear Sarah

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank you for attending the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee on 9 January 2018 to provide an opening statement and answering questions on the **Proposed Change of Status of St David's Catholic Sixth Form College—draft Cabinet Report**

I would also like to thank Nick Batchelar, Director of Education and Lifelong Learning, for providing the verbal briefing on the proposed report and answers to Members questions. The Committee was pleased with the explanation of the proposed change of status of St David's College which was to be presented to Cabinet on 18 January 2018.

Following consideration of the verbal briefing, the Committee wished to express its support for proposals when they are considered by Cabinet.

Yours sincerely

COUNTY COUNCILLOR LEE BRIDGEMAN
Chairperson – Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

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Dear Mike

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank you and the Senior Challenge Advisors for Cardiff Schools, for attending the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee meeting on 9 January 2018 to present the Consortium's contribution to Raising Standards in Cardiff's schools. The Committee appreciated the opportunity to be updated on your performance, which is part of the Consortium's reporting to all Scrutiny Committee's in the Region.

The Committee agreed that the report was a very good report showing consistent improvements at all levels. The Members also wished to acknowledge the excellent work that the Consortium is doing to help improve the all Cardiff Schools, and asked for you to pass on the Committee appreciation to your staff for all their hard work.

The Committee noted the Consortium's commitment to the preparation and development of Successful futures in Cardiff, and wishes to inform you that the Committee will review progress in achieving the following actions next year:

- Working with the pioneer network to contribute to the development of Areas Of Learning and Experience (AoLEs), and Introducing the new professional standards, providing schools with opportunities to familiarise themselves as well as gain understanding of how to put them into practice
- Supporting schools to carry out small scale action research into some of the pedagogical principles
- Holding head teacher briefing sessions to give updates and advice regarding engagement

- Ensuring that Successful Futures features in the professional learning offer from all our hub schools
- Supporting SiGs that address aspects of the DCF or pedagogical principles in their collaborative work
- Contributing to a range of Welsh Government groups including Change Board and Programme Board
- Developing a three year strategy to deliver Successful Futures through SiGs and then clusters
- Developing a learning and teaching framework with the aim of capturing all the reforms in one area
- Supporting the innovation in digital competency
- Facilitating opportunities within the Lead Creative Schools initiative
- Providing briefings for CSC teams so that all officers can support schools in their preparations

I hope that these comments, and advice, will be of use and support, in improving outcomes for pupils in Cardiff and across the Region.

Yours sincerely

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR – Lee Bridgeman
Chairperson of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee.

CC Nick Batchelar, Director of Education and Lifelong Learning