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Committee CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date and Time of Meeting TUESDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2018, 4.30 PM

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14 November 2018

Councillor Sarah Merry
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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 13 November 2018, to provide an opening statements and answering questions on the **Cardiff Child Friendly City – Draft Strategy and the verbal briefing on “Seizing the Opportunity” Shaping the new curriculum for Wales.**

I would also like to thank Nick Batchelar, Director of Education and Lifelong Learning Marianne Mannelo, Policy Director, Play Wales, , Lee Patterson, Suzanne Scarlett and Natalie Stork for the reports, advice and answers to Members questions.

Following the Members consideration of the report and answers to questions, the Committee during the way forward identified a number of comments, concerns, and recommendations to help improve the outcomes for children and young people in Cardiff.

Cardiff Child Friendly City – Draft Strategy

The Committee welcomed the opportunity to consider the draft report and wished to express their thanks and appreciation for all the hard work that has been undertaken to produce the draft strategy. The Committee is fully supportive of the strategy as well as ensuring the Children and Young People are at the heart of all decision making that impacts on them. However the Members requested that the following comments concerns and recommendations are responded to prior to the launch of the Strategy on 20 November 2018.

The Committee was very impressed with the work being undertaken by Play Wales to support and arrange the closure of streets so that children can play safely outside their

homes “Street Play”. The Committee agreed to offer their support to the continuation of this initiative and wish to recommend to the Cabinet that they instruct Officers to help facilitate the continuation of “Street Play” where requested.

The Committee did feel that the Strategy was very wordy and not particularly Child Friendly and suggested that the Public Service Board should produce a Child Friendly version of the Strategy.

The Members were surprised to hear that engagement with Sports and Youth organisations had not been considered during the development of Strategy. The Committee recommended that before the Strategy is approved, that the views of Sport and Youth organisations are sought and included in the final document.

The Committee also noted that the Cardiff model has been based around that used in Leeds, however some members were aware that Leeds model had involved the Private Sector in their Strategy and felt that the Cardiff Strategy would be strengthened by the inclusion of the Public Sector groups in making Cardiff a Child Friendly City.

In addition the Committee considered that the 3rd Sector’s involvement would also enhance the scope of the Strategy and the Committee recommended that 3rd Sector organisations must also be signed up to the strategy.

The Committee also expressed some concern that the funding for the project at £80k was only for the next three years. Members requested that plans must be put in place to ensure that Cardiff as a Child Friendly City become financially sustainable in the long term.

Finally the Members requested that six monthly progress report be presented to Committee to enable it to review the implementation of the strategy and monitor progress.

“Seizing the Opportunity” Shaping the new curriculum for Wales

The Committee wished to express their appreciation to all those involved in the organisation and production of the Convention, it was an excellent event. The Members also welcomed the opportunity to be involved at such an early stage in the development of the new curriculum. The Members also appreciated the discussions which followed the presentation, the exchange of views and ideas.

The Committee agreed that they wished to be involved in continuing the civic conversation around shaping a new curriculum for Wales, and the development of a

new vision for education and learning in the City, "Cardiff 2030". The Committee therefore agreed that the scrutiny officer should liaise with the Directorate to identify the most appropriate ways that the Committee can help and support in the future work.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L. BRIDGEMAN', written on a light-colored background.

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

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