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Dear Sarah

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank you for attending the last meeting of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee on 7 March 2017 to provide an opening statement and answer questions on the agenda item **Welsh in Education Strategy 2017-2020 - Draft Cabinet report**. I would also like to thank Nick Batchelar and Michele Duddridge-Hossain for their presentation of the report and answers to Members questions.

The Committee welcomed the report and agreed to commend the report to Cabinet. However, during the way forward section of the meeting Members expressed some concern around the availability of Welsh speaking secondary school teachers. The Committee therefore wished to support the actions being undertaken as part of Outcome 7, workforce planning and continuing professional development, and expect to see an improvement in recruitment over the next year.

The Committee reflected on comments made that there was a lack of social activities for children learning Welsh, outside school. The Committee therefore suggested that the resources being used to maintain Yr Hen Lyfrgell on the Hayes could be directed more effectively to support Welsh speaking youth facilities in Cardiff.

Yours sincerely

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