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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  
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