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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 10 October 2017 to provide an opening statement and answering questions on **Developing the Education Estate in Cardiff – draft Cabinet Report**

I would also like to thank Nick Batchelar, Director of Education and Lifelong Learning and Janine Nightingale, Head of Schools Organisation, Access & Planning, for the report and answers to Members questions. Members really welcomed the opportunity to scrutinise this issue at such an early stage.

The Committee noted that the draft Cabinet report recommended that Cabinet receives further reports on the following areas:

- Proposed schemes for Cardiff under the Band B phase of the C21 schools programme in light of budget allocations from Welsh Government.
- Proposals for the adaptation and enhancement of Additional Learning Needs provision in Cardiff.

The Committee agreed to commend the report to Cabinet, and also requested that the Committee be fully involved in the development and drafting of all future reports on the Education Estate in Cardiff.

Following the question and answer session the Committee raise a number of issues which they felt should be considered during the development of the future reports on the Education Estate, namely:

- That the Band B proposals be shared with the Committee members at an early stage, to enable the members to understand and reflect on the criteria and prioritisation of schools within the proposals;

- That the Committee is provided with the pupil data modelling used to predict demand up to and beyond 2026 when proposals are being proposed;
- That the maintenance of the Education Estate is appropriately featured in the development and funding proposals;
- That the proposals provide appropriate capacity for future Welsh Language demand and sufficient ALN demand to minimise the number of pupils being placed out of county.
- That an additional report should be presented to this Committee and Cabinet should the Mutual Investment Model be used to fund any proposals for the development of the Education Estate.

I hope that these comments will be of use and support in the future development of the Education Estate in Cardiff, and the Committee looks forward to working with the Directorate and Cabinet in the development of the School Estate to ensure that it provides a 21st Century learning environment for all Pupils. As such this letter does not require an immediate response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. BRIDGEMAN', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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