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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 7 March 2017 to provide an opening statement and answer questions on the **Corporate Performance report for Quarter three and the update on the “Cardiff 2020 Aiming for Excellence” plan.**

I would also like to thank Nick Batchelar for his presentation of the report and update together with the answers to Members questions. Members welcomed the report and agreed to highlight a few issues in this letter.

The Committee firstly noted that the Corporate Performance report did not contain any performance indicator or narrative about the education of Looked After Children. The Committee recommended that future performance reports must include the educational attainment of Looked After Children.

The Committee also noted that the baseline for the new Foundation Phase profile, which assesses the abilities of children on entry to school, was undertaken last summer, but had still not been analysed. The Members asked that the analysis must be included in the next monitoring report.

I hope that these comments will be of use and support in improving outcomes for Cardiff’s pupils. As such, the Members do not require a formal response to this letter.

Yours sincerely

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Chair – Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

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