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Thank you for your letter dated 21st September 2018 and the useful comments raised. I would like to thank the Committee for the support expressed for the demand management and early intervention initiatives explored at the meeting.

Further to the interest expressed in detailed plans for performance improvement, the Corporate Director for People and Communities and the Director of Social Services have confirmed that they will provide a future update to the Committee on the progress being made in this regard. They have advised that following the recent conclusion of a consultation process with staff and trade unions, performance support resources and practices will now be brought together across the directorate. In addition, and following work by the performance panel

of the CYP scrutiny committee, a performance-reporting format for Children Services has now been agreed. It is planned that the roll out of directorate wide core data reporting will commence in the fourth quarter of 2018/19 and the Committee may therefore wish to consider a report back in the first quarter of 2019/20.

It is recognised that Children' Services are continuing to experience considerable pressures. The Council has provided significant levels of additional funding to the area in recent years with a net increase to the budget of £5.8 million (1 1.86%) in 2018/19. Funding for Children's Services will continue to be a priority for the Cabinet. However, specific decisions on funding must be taken as part of

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the overall Council budget, having regard to available resources and the full range of spending commitments.

I hope that this letter captures all the points raised in your letter and thank you again for your support in the budget process.

Yn gywir

Yours sincerely

Councillor I Y Cynghorydd Chris Weaver

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