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Councillor Sarah Merry  
Cabinet Member Education, Employment & Skills  
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Dear Sarah,

Thank you for attending the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee on 11 June 2019 for consideration of the **Directorate Delivery Plan 2019-2020** and answering Member's questions.

The Committee notes the Officer's view that the Directorate Delivery Plan clearly identifies the Strategic Directorate Priorities, as well as identifying the senior officer leading on an issue. We acknowledge that some adjustments are required as not all information was available to the time of publication.

During the way forward section of the meeting the members asked that I write to you requesting that the Directorate Delivery Plan includes some additional information, which members required specific monitoring was required, namely:

- That the Directorate Delivery Plan includes a measure and target for ethnic minority groups, as set out in the annual report.
- That the Directorate Delivery Plan does not include the measures and targets on the attendance of Looked after children

In addition the Committee identified some areas that they wished to scrutinise in more detail, later this year, and agreed to request briefing papers and reports on:

- Children & young people who are Educated Other than at School (EOTAS), to include the definition, their attainment, makeup, numbers and number of Children being looked after.
- Work to being undertaken to help the recruitment of teachers who can teach through the medium of Welsh.

The Committee also expressed some concern around the development and implementation of the new curriculum, and agreed to request that the representative from the Central South Consortium attends a future meeting of the Committee to brief the members on the work being carried out, to implement the new curriculum. I will write to the consortium separately.

I would also like to take this opportunity to inform you that the Committee will be developing its work programme over the summer and the Chairman will be seeking to meet with the Director and to discuss areas for further scrutiny.

I hope that these comments, advice and requests for information detailed above will be of use and support in improving outcomes for Cardiff's pupils, and I look forward to your response, together with the additional information requested, within the next month.

Yours sincerely

**COUNCILLOR LEE BRIDGEMAN**  
**Chairperson – Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee**

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

CC: Nick Batchelor – Director, Education & Lifelong Learning  
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