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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 11 June 2019, to provide an opening statement and answering questions on the **School Organisation Proposals: (Band B) - Redevelopment of Cantonian, Woodlands and Riverbank Schools - draft Cabinet Report.**

I would also like to welcome Richard Portas, Programme Director for School Organisation Programme, to his first meeting and thank him and Michele Duddridge-Friedl, Operational Manager Planning and provision, for the presentation and answers to Members questions.

Following the Members consideration of the report and answers to questions the Committee agreed to **commend the report to Cabinet.** Members did however note that Cabinet will receive a subsequent report on further proposals to increase the number of special school places for primary age children with complex learning needs.

The Committee, considered that the consultation undertaken for these proposals was excellent and officers should be thanked for all the work that they had done to make the consultation a success.

The Members did however wish to be assured that the proposals, for all three schools, will be able to provide sufficient capacity for the foreseeable future. The Committee also requested that the Cabinet ensures that the Special Schools will provide as wider scope of provision as possible.

The Members also requested that the Cabinet clearly identifies the future use of the vacated school sites, as Members considered that they should continue to be of benefit to the Local Community.

The Committee would be pleased if you could enable that the contents of this letter are made available to Cabinet when it considered the report at its meeting on 13 June 2019.

Yours sincerely

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

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

CC: Nick Batchelar, Director of Education and Lifelong learning  
Richard Portas, Programme Director for School Organisation Programme  
Jo Watkins – Cabinet Business Manger  
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