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Dear Graham

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank you for the statement that you provided, as you were not able to attend the meeting. I would also like to thank Claire Marchant, Director of Social Services and Deborah Driffield, Interim Assistant Director – Children’s services for attending the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee on 9 July 2019 to present the **Cardiff Children’s Services Strategy 2019-2022, draft Cabinet report.**

Following the Members consideration of the report and answers to questions the Committee agreed to **commend the report to Cabinet.** Members did however have some of suggestions to support the implementation of the strategy.

The Committee wished to remind the Directorate that it is important at all times to ensure that young people are aware of their rights.

The Committee is aware that in Scotland there is a different model for children’s services, the Members suggested that officers should work together to organise a fact finding mission to a Scottish Local Authority, to gain an understanding of their operational models and how they can help in Cardiff.

Finally the Committee requested a briefing paper, for members, on the proposals for a Fostering finding fee once the Directorate has completed its market research.

The Committee would be pleased if you could enable that the contents of this letter are made available to Cabinet when it consider the report at its meeting on 11 July 2019

Yours sincerely

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR LEE BRIDGEMAN**

**Chairperson – Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee**

CC: Claire Marchant – Director of Social Services  
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