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## CORRESPONDENCE FOLLOWING THE COMMITTEE MEETING

**Committee** CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

**Date and Time of Meeting** TUESDAY, 10 JULY 2018, 4.30 PM

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Councillor Graham Hinchey  
Cabinet Member for Children and Families  
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Dear Graham

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank you, Sarah McGill, Corporate Director People and Communities, and Angela Bourge, Operational Manager, Strategy, Performance and Resources for attending the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee on 10 July 2018 to present the **Draft Cabinet report on the provision of Cardiff Short Break Services at Ty Storrie.**

The Committee welcomed the opportunity to review the draft Cabinet Report prior to its consideration at Cabinet on 12 July 2018. During the way forward section of the meeting the Members considered the information in the report, together with answers to their questions, and **the Committee agreed to commend the draft report to Cabinet.**

The Committee also wished to provide you with the some comments and, concerns on the future implementation of the proposal, should it be approved by Cabinet, namely:

That the Members considered that there would be more than 27 young people wishing to access a respite service, however Ty Storrie does not met all their needs. The Committee therefore requested details of the provision which is not being currently met by Ty Storrie, but could be in the future.

The Members considered that the report did not capture the improvement in outcomes for children and young people, the Committee therefore recommended that future reports be more “child centred” and clearly highlight the improvements to children and young people’s outcomes as part of the proposals.

Finally the Committee requested a future update report on the operation of Ty Storrie, in July 2019, to enable Members to understand the changes to the operation of the respite service.

Yours sincerely

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**COUNTY COUNCILLOR DAN DE'ATH**  
**Temporary Elected Chairperson – Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee**

CC: Sarah McGill, Corporate Director,, People and Communities  
Claire Marchant, Director of Social Services  
Jo Watkins – Cabinet Business Manger  
Angela Bourge – O M - Resources

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Councillor Sarah Merry  
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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 10 July 2018, to provide an opening statement and answering questions on the **School Organisation Proposals: The Provision of English-medium Primary Education in the Llanrumney area – draft Cabinet Report**

I would also like to thank Nick Batchelar, Director of Education and Lifelong Learning, for the report and answers to Members questions. Members appreciated the opportunity to scrutinise this proposal at such an early stage.

Following the Members consideration of the report and answers to questions **the Committee agreed to commend the report to Cabinet**. Members also noted that a number of further reports would be drafted, and requested that these reports should be presented to this Committee, prior to their consideration by Cabinet.

The Committee also agreed to bring to your attention a number of comments and concerns, which they felt you should take into consideration prior to consulting on the proposals to discontinue Glan-Yr-Afon Primary School, including changes to Community Primary School catchments, in the local area.

Members noted that the draft Cabinet report, highlighted that St Cadoc's Catholic Primary School is within close proximity of Glan-yr-Afon Primary School, and could easily be expand to a 2 form entry school to take a number of additional pupils. A Member however, expressed some concern that, in respect of children transferring to St Cadoc's Catholic Primary School, parents would have to formally agree to being taught in a Catholic School. This could limit the number of children transferring to that school, and would increase the number of pupils to the other local primary schools. The Committee recommended that this issue must be referenced in the consultation.

The Committee was also mindful of the potential loss of a community building and requested that the Members be informed of the potential value of the site.

The Committee proposed that should, following the consultation, it was agreed to close the school, a phase closure of the school should be undertaken to correspond with the various transition period of pupils.

The Committee was surprised to be informed that Glan-yr-Afon school, currently has a deficit of £130,000 and that previously the school was in surplus. The Members requested details of the surpluses and deficits over the past few year and an explanation of why there was such a sudden change in the finances of the school.

Finally the Committee also wished to thanks you for answering the questions that had been raised by members of the public, prior to the meeting.

Yours sincerely

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**COUNTY COUNCILLOR DAN De'ATH**  
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CC: Nick Batchelar, Director of Education and Lifelong learning  
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