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## CORRESPONDENCE FOLLOWING THE COMMITTEE MEETING

**Committee** CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

**Date and Time of Meeting** TUESDAY, 13 MARCH 2018, 4.30 PM

Please find below correspondence send by the Committee Chair following the meeting, together with any responses received.

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Date 14 March 2018

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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, and Irfan Alam, Assistant Director Children's Services for attending the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee on 13 March 2018 to present the **Children's Services Quarter Three Performance report**.

The Committee noted that a new format of reporting had been developed in response to the comments made following the December 2017 meeting of the Committee. The Members focussed much of their questions on the content and layout of the revised performance report and although they appreciated the amount of work that had been undertaken to develop this format they found it to be quite difficult to understand.

The Committee therefore agreed to set up a Member's panel to work with officers from Children's Services to develop a more simplified version that meets their needs and enabled officer to easily provide the necessary information.

The Committee looks forward working with your officers in the near future and as such does not require a formal response.

Yours sincerely

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

CC: Tony Young, Director of Children's Services  
Jo Watkins – Cabinet Business Manger  
Irfan Alam – Assistant Director for Children's Services

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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 13 March 2018 to provide an opening statement and answering questions on the **School Admission Arrangements 2019/20 – draft Cabinet Report**.

I would also like to thank Nick Batchelar, Director of Education and Lifelong Learning, and Brett Andrewartha, School Organisation Team Manager, for the report and answers to Members questions. The Members particularly wished to express their appreciation for all the hard work that the Education Directorate staff have undertaken to produce this very detailed report.

The Committee was pleased to have the opportunity to consider the outcome of the consultation on the two proposed options, and also provide the community with the opportunity to express their feelings around the proposals. In addition the Committee was happy to ask a number of questions that concerned parents had provided., and wished to thanks you for answering these specific questions.

During the item the Members raised a number of concerns about elements of the two options together with their respective impact on children, and the Committee noted the answers and explanations provided by yourself and the Officers.

The Members discussed at some length, during the way forward section of the meeting, the various aspects of the draft report, the implications of each option, the consultation responses and equality impact assessments, as well as the answers to member and public questions.

The Members were particularly concerned around the broadness of the Equality Impact Assessments, attached at Appendix 8 of the report, which did not reference the impact on the present cohort of pupils. The Committee considered that to enable the Council to satisfy its duties and obligations under the Equalities Act 2010, it must undertake a further Equality Impact Assessment of Option A on the present cohort of pupils

In conclusion the Committee agreed to recommend to Cabinet that the consideration of the draft report “Schools Admission Arrangements 2019/20” be delayed to enable the Directorate to undertake a further equality impact assessment, to assess the impact of Option A on the present cohort of pupils, to satisfy its duties and obligations under the Equalities Act 2010.

Yours sincerely

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

CC: Nick Batchelar, Director of Education and Lifelong learning  
Jo Watkins – Cabinet Business Manger

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Councillor Sarah Merry  
Cabinet Member - Education and Skills  
Councillor Ashley Lister  
Assistant Cabinet member – Youth Service  
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Dear Sarah & Ashley

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank you both for attending the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee on 13 March 2018 to introduce and answering questions on the **Youth Service briefing paper**

I would also like to thank Nick Batchelar, Director of Education and Lifelong Learning, Simon Morris, Achievement Leader (Youth Support) and James Healan, Team Leader Early Intervention & Prevention for providing the Video and presentation on the Youth Service.

I would also be pleased if you and Officers could pass on the Committee's sincere appreciation and thanks to Jess Head and Ashanti Rule from Llanedeyrn Youth Activity Centre, Sam Evans and Ezra O'Connor from Grassroots, and Ffion Harding from Young Carers provision, who provided the Committee with an inspiring reflection on their experience of the Youth Service. In addition could you also thank Steve Khaireh for his excellent explanation of the Youth Improvement Grant funded work in South Riverside Community Development Centre.

The Committee was very pleased to hear about the positive work that was being undertaken through the Youth Service, and during the way forward part of the meeting, Members decided that they wished now to receive a progress report, in the summer, on the Youth Offer, covering:

- The Five Youth Activity Centres
- Street Based Outreach Provision
- Bespoke Youth Provision

The Committee looks forward to receiving a further progress report on the Youth Service and as such does not require a formal response to this letter.

Yours sincerely

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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 13 March 2018 to provide an opening statement and answer questions on the **Corporate Performance report for Quarter Three and School Categorisation report**.

I would also like to thank Nick Batchelar and Jackie Turner for the presentation of the report, together with the answers to Members questions. Members welcomed the report and were particularly pleased with Cardiff Schools Categorisation improved results, which had been also commented on at a recent Central South Consortium Scrutiny Panel meeting.

The Members also wished you to pass on their appreciation to the Directorate and School Staff for their hard work in helping to improve the educational outcome of pupils in Cardiff.

The Members noted a number of areas which the Directorate had identified as requiring additional support, together with the actions that the Directorate to address the overspends in out of county placements and the Committee looks forward to further improvement in these areas in the future.

I hope that these comments mentioned above will be welcomed by the Directorate and be of use and support in improving outcomes for Cardiff's pupils, as such the Committee does not require a response to this letter.

Yours sincerely

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