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CORRESPONDENCE FOLLOWING THE COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date and Time of Meeting MONDAY, 15 JANUARY 2024, 4.30 PM

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

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Councillor Huw Thomas
Leader of the Council
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Dear Huw,

**CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 15 JANUARY 2024 -
SCHOOL ORGANISATION PLANNING: PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES TO SERVE
CATHAYS AND PARTS OF GABALFA, HEATH, LLANDAFF NORTH AND
PLASNEWYDD**

Please accept my thanks on behalf of the Committee for attending the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee to provide us with the opportunity to consider the draft report on School Organisation Planning: Primary School Places to serve Cathays and parts of Gabalfa, Heath, Llandaff North and Plasnewydd, prior to Cabinet on the 18 January 2024. Please also pass on our thanks to Richard Portas; Michele Duddridge-Friedl; and Brett Andrewartha.

The committee commends the report to Cabinet and supports the recommendations contained within it. Please note that no issues raised in the “closed” session require a follow-up or response, so all matters contained in this letter refer to issues considered during the “open” session. These are as follows.

General comments

At the meeting, we asked questions on the following issues and were satisfied with the responses:

- The Speech and Language Base currently on the Allensbank site
- Reorganisation of staff and other issues relating to staff

- Reassurances to Ysgol Glan Ceubal and Ysgol Mynydd Bychan (YMB) in response to their objections (*as set out in Appendix 3 to the papers*)
- Use of unoccupied parts of the Allensbank school site during the YMB move into the premises.

Financial Implications and Challenges

Underpinning the proposals set out in the Cabinet report are a range of financial implications which are fundamental to the success of the projects, both at capital and revenue level. Members reiterated their views that this is a key issue, and therefore **request** that further reiteration and clarification on the funding of this project is provided. It is acknowledged that a response is due on this issue from the Committee's October 2023 consideration of the proposal, but if there are any further updates at this stage, that they be provided.

There are no formal recommendations arising from this letter.

Once again, on behalf of the Committee, please pass my sincere thanks to all who attended Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee.

Yours sincerely,



COUNCILLOR LEE BRIDGEMAN

Chairperson – Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

CC: CYPSC Members

Melanie Godfrey - Director of Education and Lifelong Learning

Richard Portas - Programme Director for the School Organisation Programme

Brett Andrewartha - School Organisation Programme Planning Manager

Michele Duddridge-Friedl - Operational Manager, School Organisation Programme Strategy

Claire Deguara – Cabinet Support Office

Deborah Said – PA to the Leader

Helen Eager - PA to the Director of Education & Lifelong Learning

Paula Williams – PA to the SOP Director

Tim Gordon and Jeremy Rhys – Media and Comms

Gavin McArthur – Chair, Governance & Audit Committee

Cllr John Lancaster – Group Leader

Cllr Rodney Berman – Group Leader

Cllr Andrea Gibson – Group Leader