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Dear Sue

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank you, Tony Young, Director of Social Services, Angela Bourge, Operation Manager Resources and Ceri George, Improvement Project Manager for attending the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee on 6 December to present the **Draft Cabinet Report on Families First** During the way forward section of the meeting the Members considered the information in the report, together with answers to their questions and agreed to provide you with the following comments and concerns.

The Committee was pleased with the draft Cabinet report and considered it to be a positive response to the concerns raised around the transitions arrangements by Committee in October. The Members reviewed the plans for the interim arrangements for the extension of some contract terms, de-commissioning of some of the services, the alternative / pilot arrangements during the transition period and the commissioning the next families first programme.

The Committee noted that the Directorate has started to prepare for new commissioning during the transition period, including consulting with all relevant stakeholders. Once the Directorate is in a position to propose a model for the longer term arrangements and having taken into account the final WG guidance a further report will be submitted to Cabinet for approval. The Committee recommends that all appropriate providers must be considered as part of the tendering process i.e.: both large and small organisations, and that the draft Cabinet report should be brought back to this Committee prior to its consideration by Cabinet. The Committee also noted the contents of the letter sent by Sova Wales, which was circulated at the start of the item.

Finally, the Committee wished to thank the Officers for their work in developing and drafting the report, and subsequently commended the draft report to Cabinet.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Cook', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR RICHARD COOK
Chairperson – Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

CC: Tony Young, Director of Children's Services
Melanie Jackson - Personal Assistant to Deputy Leader
Angela Bourge, Operational Manager Resources
Ceri George, Improvement Project Manager