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Dear Susan,

COMMUNITY & ADULT SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 5 SEPTEMBER 2018 - COMMISSIONING OF DOMICILIARY CARE AND PROCURING CARE HOME SERVICES

As Chair of the Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee, I wish to thank you and officers for attending Committee and providing Members with a briefing presentation on the forthcoming Cabinet Proposal relating to Commissioning of Domiciliary Care and Procuring Care Home Services. Members of the Committee have requested that I feed back the following comments and observations to you.

Overall, Members were satisfied with the presentation given by yourself and officers and the responses given to the questions asked. Members noted your responses in relation to ensuring that diverse communities would be a part of the review, to ensure that they are able to further access services. Members noted that “A Healthier Wales” had been a significant driver in the call for a review and that it presented an opportunity to build on current strengths and link with other work that is already being undertaken on locality and outcome based working. Members also acknowledged that the 2 year extension to current contracts gave the Council, partners and providers the opportunity to develop an effective model for Cardiff and that, as part of a wider review, would potentially result in streamlining funding and more effective ways of working.

However, Members concluded that they were unable to sufficiently scrutinise and comment on the issue without considering the draft report itself. Therefore, Members agreed that they would wish to **receive a copy of the report as a matter of urgency**. The Committee agreed that each Member should have the opportunity to consider the content of the report in detail, with the following potential ways forward:

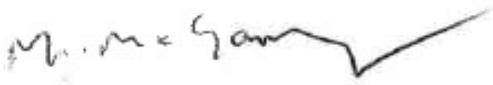
- They have no further issues to raise and would therefore commend the report to Cabinet for approval; or
- They hold an extraordinary meeting prior to the Cabinet meeting on the 20 September, to consider the matter in more detail.

I should therefore be grateful if Officers would submit a copy of the draft report to the Principal Scrutiny Officer (PSO) as soon as it is cleared. She will then forward it to Members for their consideration and observations. I will instruct a time limit on them to comment to ensure you have a timely response on this matter.

I will be on leave from the 7th to the 17th September, so the Head of Democratic Services will inform you of the Committee's majority decision.

Thank you again to you and officers for attending. I do not require a response to this letter, but would appreciate a timely submission of the report to the PSO as soon as possible

Yours sincerely,



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