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Annwyl/Dear Lee

### **Children & Young People Scrutiny - 12 December 2017**

Thank you for your letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017 on behalf of the members of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee following its meeting on the above date.

I would like to thank members for their constructive comments and I am pleased to provide the following response to your request for a different format of report for the next quarter.

- We are in the process of reviewing the existing report and developing a new reporting template. The Assistant Director, Children's Services and Service Manager, Policy & Performance will arrange to meet with you in advance of the next Committee to propose a new template.

In relation to your request for details of the budgetary implications of the projected growth in the number of children who are looked after for this year, and the years covered by the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan, please note the summary below.

A budget realignment for pressures in Children's Services was reflected in the Budget Proposals for Consultation as approved by Cabinet on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017. This reflected known commitments in the current financial year as identified at that time including any potential full year impact in 2018/19. In addition to this, it is anticipated that a contingency will continue to be maintained to cover the cost of new cases in 2018/19. In 2017/18, this contingency amounted to £950,000. The Cabinet are currently considering their budget proposals for 2018/19 and these will be presented to Cabinet on 15<sup>th</sup> February.

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In relation to future years (2019/20 and beyond), an amount of £1.5m per annum is currently built into the MTFP for future demographic pressures (the £1.5m would be the equivalent cost of approximately an additional 38 children, if placed in an external fostering placement). It is also anticipated, in future years, that the current arrangements for a contingency will be maintained, though this would be subject to the detailed budget proposals for those years.

Yn gywir  
Yours sincerely



**Councillor / Y Cynghorydd Graham Hinchey**  
**Cabinet Member for Children & Families**  
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