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Dear Mike

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank you and the Senior Challenge Advisors for Cardiff Schools, for attending the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee meeting on 9 January 2018 to present the Consortium's contribution to Raising Standards in Cardiff's schools. The Committee appreciated the opportunity to be updated on your performance, which is part of the Consortium's reporting to all Scrutiny Committee's in the Region.

The Committee agreed that the report was a very good report showing consistent improvements at all levels. The Members also wished to acknowledge the excellent work that the Consortium is doing to help improve the all Cardiff Schools, and asked for you to pass on the Committee appreciation to your staff for all their hard work.

The Committee noted the Consortium's commitment to the preparation and development of Successful futures in Cardiff, and wishes to inform you that the Committee will review progress in achieving the following actions next year:

- Working with the pioneer network to contribute to the development of Areas Of Learning and Experience (AoLEs), and Introducing the new professional standards, providing schools with opportunities to familiarise themselves as well as gain understanding of how to put them into practice
- Supporting schools to carry out small scale action research into some of the pedagogical principles
- Holding head teacher briefing sessions to give updates and advice regarding engagement

- Ensuring that Successful Futures features in the professional learning offer from all our hub schools
- Supporting SiGs that address aspects of the DCF or pedagogical principles in their collaborative work
- Contributing to a range of Welsh Government groups including Change Board and Programme Board
- Developing a three year strategy to deliver Successful Futures through SiGs and then clusters
- Developing a learning and teaching framework with the aim of capturing all the reforms in one area
- Supporting the innovation in digital competency
- Facilitating opportunities within the Lead Creative Schools initiative
- Providing briefings for CSC teams so that all officers can support schools in their preparations

I hope that these comments, and advice, will be of use and support, in improving outcomes for pupils in Cardiff and across the Region.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. BRIDGEMAN', written over a light grey rectangular background.

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR – Lee Bridgeman**  
**Chairperson of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee.**

CC Nick Batchelar, Director of Education and Lifelong Learning