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Dear Sarah

On behalf of the Committee I would like to thank you for attending the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee on 12 September 2017 to provide an opening statement and answer questions on the **School Holiday Enrichment Programme**

I would also like to thank Nick Batchelar, Katie Palmer (Food Cardiff), Emma Hill (Sport Cardiff) and Judith Gregory, (Education Catering) for their presentation of the programme together with the answers to Members questions. Members really welcomed the report and considered it an excellent example of partnership working providing healthy meals, nutrition skills, sport and other physical activities.

The Committee firstly noted that the programme was only provided through 13 schools and Members suggested that since the programme was so successful, every effort should be made to expand the programme across more schools in 2018.

The Committee was surprised that the programme was only available to KS2 pupils, and noted that this had caused some problems for parents who had younger or older siblings. The Members suggested that the programmes admission criteria should be reviewed to try to address this issue.

The Committee also wished to highlight the problems from obesity amongst children and young people and suggested that this be incorporated into any future programme.

I hope that these comments will be of use and support in the future operation of the very successful multi-agency programme. The Members would be pleased to receive a positive response to the points made in this letter within the next month.

Yours sincerely

COUNTY COUNCILLOR LEE BRIDGEMAN Chairperson – Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

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