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Dear Graham

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank Sarah McGill, Corporate Director People and Communities, Claire Marchant, Director of Social Services, and Angela Bourge, Operational Manager, Strategy, Performance and Resources for attending the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee on 9 October 2018 to present the **Draft Families First Annual Review 2017/18 report**.

The Committee welcomed the opportunity to review the draft Families First Annual Review prior to its consideration by partner organisations. During the way forward section of the meeting the Members considered the information in the report, together with answers to their questions, and **the Committee agreed to commend the draft report**.

The Committee also wished to provide you with the some comments and, concerns for this and future Annual Review reports, namely:

The Committee expressed some concern about very low number of LGBT people accessing services and provision. Members felt that Officers should investigate the reasons for the under representation of this group and identify actions that ensure that services and support are visible and accessible to them.

The Members also requested that this report and future report should include, within the infographics, the actual base numbers, for example on Page 69 it shows 1025 out of 1068, 2507 out of 2788 and 1572 out of 1746, but the others did not include the "out of" numbers.

I hope that these comments and advice will be of use and support in improving outcomes for Families First. The Committee looks forward to receiving a formal response within the next month.

Performance Reporting

Finally I would like to inform you that during the way forward, the Committee and I were briefed on the recently held performance reporting panel meetings. The Committee and I were happy with the suggested new format for Children's Services performance information and look forward to receiving new quarterly performance reports once the management system is operational.

Yours sincerely

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

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