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Councillor Susan Elsmore  
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Dear Susan,

**COMMUNITY & ADULT SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 9 JANUARY 2019  
– SUPPORTED LIVING SERVICE FOR ADULTS WITH A LEARNING DISABILITY**

As Chair of the Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee, I wish to thank you and officers for attending Committee and providing Members with an opportunity to consider the draft proposals in relation to the Supported Living Service for Adults with a Learning Disability, prior to its consideration by Cabinet on the 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Members of the Committee have requested that I feed back the following comments and observations to you.

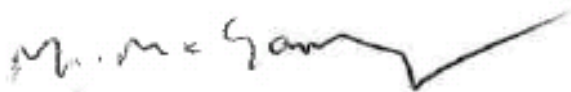
The Committee considered the Cabinet Proposal and concluded that it supports the proposals and commends the report to Cabinet but wanted to make the following comments and recommendations:

- Members were pleased to see a detailed timeline in place for the procurement process.
- Members noted that providers could apply for up to 2 areas, but acknowledged that this issue was still being debated on how it could work in practice.
- At the meeting, Members sought clarification on what would happen if a provider pulls out of delivering a service and were advised that what was awarded in the tender process would be considered and a second provider would be awarded, but this needed to be built in to the process. Members were also advised that there would be an opportunity for small organisations/consortiums/cooperatives to bid.

- Members referred to the 60/40 split proposed and asked what this meant in monetary terms. Officers explained that the banding would not change. It was more about increasing the rating on the demonstration of quality. Members supported this, but would recommend that this be implicitly referred to in the Cabinet Proposal.
- Members raised issues in relation to out of county placements and agreed to look at some of these as part of the forthcoming Task & Finish Group on “Closer to Home”, which will meet for the first time on the 7<sup>th</sup> February.
- Members noted the recommendation that referred to delegating authority to the Director of Social Services for all aspects of the process, but concluded that, as this was a substantial delegation, the decision to award the contracts should be made by Cabinet.
- Members also agreed that the Cabinet Proposal should contain more detailed information, as set out in the presentation to the Committee. Therefore, they recommend that it include information relating to:
  - The extended contract term
  - The Care & Support needs bandings
  - Tender Evaluation Criteria and Weightings (as already detailed above)
- Members also requested that, when presenting service user views, both positive and negative views be presented, even if they are very small in number.

Thank you again to you and officers for attending. I hope you find the Committee's comments useful.

Yours sincerely,



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