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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 March 2018 to provide an opening statement and answering questions on the **School Admission Arrangements 2020/21 – draft Cabinet Report.**

I would also like to thank Nick Batchelar, Director of Education and Lifelong Learning, and Michele Duddridge - Hussain, Operational Manager: Planning and Provision, for the report and answers to Members questions.

Following the consideration of the report and answers to members questions the Committee agreed **to commend the draft report to Cabinet on 21 March 2019.**

The Members discussed at some length, during the meeting and the way forward section of the meeting, the clarity of the consultation, as the consultation document did not highlight the changes being made. The members considered that the proposed changes were minor, as shown in the Cabinet report (paragraph 6) and therefore recommended that future consultations should highlight the proposed amendments to the Policy separately, to enable the public to clearly see the changes.

Finally the Committee discussed the issues around admission numbers, catchment area, segregation and school capacity, and agreed that it would priorities to undertake a scrutiny inquiry, as part of next year's work programme, to help develop proposal to address these issues.

I hope that these comments and advice will be of use and support in improving outcomes for Cardiff's pupils and as such the Members do not require a formal response to this letter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. BRIDGEMAN', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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

CC: Nick Batchelar, Director of Education and Lifelong learning
Jo Watkins – Cabinet Business Manger