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Dear Susan,

**COMMUNITY & ADULT SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 1 MAY 2019 –
JOINT COMMISSIONING STRATEGY FOR ADULTS WITH A LEARNING
DISABILITY (CARDIFF COUNCIL'S INPUT)**

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 Joint Commissioning Strategy for Adults with a Learning Disability 2019-2024, prior to its consideration by Cabinet on the 16 May. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank the representatives copied into this letter from Cardiff People First and Cardiff and Vale Parents Federation for their role in helping to facilitate a well-rounded discussion within Committee.

Members of the Committee have requested that I feedback the following comments and observations to you:

Members noted that the co-production and partnership working undertaken within this work is a refreshing approach which has resulted in the creation of a meaningful, well set out Strategy. Members were reassured to hear from the witnesses present at Committee that they were content with their level of involvement in formulating the Strategy and the level of inclusion of their priorities. However, Members wish to take this opportunity to reiterate that the priority of involving key stakeholders must be continued throughout the development of this Strategy.

Members also raised the importance of implementation and monitoring, highlighting that the success and impact of the Strategy will likely be determined by its execution. Within the meeting, the importance of timely information for the individual with a learning disability and their support system was also raised. It was highlighted that access to the right information at the right time is a vital tool towards strengthening the Strategy's ethos of choice, whilst also providing an individual with the confidence and ability to have a greater role in developing their Care Plan. It was also noted that different methods of presenting the information to adults with a learning disability, with a possible increased focus on verbal communication, would be a valued approach by adults with a learning disability and their support system.

With regard to the Action Plans scheduled to be developed this year, and due to the importance of implementation, monitoring and continued co-production captured within this letter, Members wish to request that the Action Plans come back to

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Committee once developed. I have tasked the Principal Scrutiny Officer to work with officers in facilitating this request.

In terms of locality and service provision, Members would appreciate further clarification on when residents currently in out of county provisions will return to local provisions 'where appropriate' (page 21 of the Strategy). Members appreciated the comments that findings have shown the majority of individuals want robust local provisions and understand that a lack of local provision can be a limiting factor on choice. Members also noted the comments that appropriate pathways will be determined following an assessment and agreement of a Care Plan. However Members would appreciate clarity on who decides what pathway is 'appropriate' and if the co-production of Care Plans will be put in place. Members wish to reiterate that the ethos of choice, which is a central priority of the Strategy, is upheld within all areas of provision.

One of the key priorities specified in the strategy was providing 'the right support at the right time'. This is captured within the strategy as encompassing early support, crisis support, specialist support and respite support. In line with this, the expenditure information within the Strategy (page 18), details that around 2% of Cardiff's expenditure goes towards respite services. Members felt the response, that respite services fall into other areas of provision, wasn't clear and would appreciate further information on the current spend on respite. They ask if the spend on respite will be increased in line with the Strategy's priority areas and for a breakdown of how many of the 62% of Adults with learning disabilities living at home currently have access to respite services.

Thank you once again to you and your officers for attending Committee. To confirm, I require a response to the following:

- Clarity on who will decide what pathway is 'appropriate' in terms of provision.
- If the co-production of Care Plans is feasible and if so how this will be implemented.
- Details on the current spend on respite services.
- A breakdown of how many of the 62% of individuals living at home receive respite services.
- Information on Cardiff Council's review on respite services detailed within the document.

Yours,



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