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Dear Angela

The Members of Cardiff Council's Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee would like to thank you for providing them with a copy of the Vale, Valleys & Cardiff Adoption Service's Annual Report, and answering the Members questions.

The Committee also wished to thank, Councillor Graham Hinchey, Cabinet Member for Children & Families, Claire Marchant, Director of Social Services and Deborah Driffield Interim Assistant Director Children's Services, for their attendance and the answers to the Members questions.

The Committee wished to be kept informed on the impact on service provision resulting from the changes to the service, particularly the move of the service to the Vale of Glamorgan.

The Committee welcomed the report and agreed to commend it to the Management Board and Joint Committee for their approval. During the way forward the Members identified a number of points which they felt I should write to you about.

The Committee requested some additional information following some of their questions, namely:

- The reason for the footprint of the Vale, Valleys and Cardiff region
- The profile of adopter inquiries, to help identify hard to reach groups
- Further details of the work that the Marketing Co-ordinator will be undertaking, together with the future plans after the end of the fixed term appointment.

I hope that the comments, advice and requests for information, detailed above, will be of use and support in the adoption of children across the region and in particular in Cardiff, and I look forward to a positive response to this letter within a month.

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 Councillor Graham Hinchey, Board Member
CC Clair Marchant, Board Member