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Annwyl/Dear Lee

**Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee - 15 September 2020  
Local Authority Social Services Annual Report 2019/2020**

Thank you for your letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020 on behalf of the Members of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee following its meeting on the above date, to consider the Local Authority Social Services Annual Report for 2019-20

I would like to thank Members for their constructive comments and I am pleased to provide the following response to your queries below.

1. Inclusion of additional workforce information in quarterly report to Scrutiny – this is agreed and information will be included in the Quarter 2 performance report.
2. An update on consultation and engagement will be provided to Scrutiny in January 2021.
3. In relation to the development and implementation of the Corporate Parenting Strategy refresh – work continued throughout the COVID-19 period, although not to the timescales that were originally planned due to the Directorate's focus on implementing a new operating model during the pandemic. Consultation events were held virtually with young people aged 5-27 (including children with disabilities), foster carers and kinship carers and a new suite of performance indicators has been developed. Corporate parenting good practice has been benchmarked with other authorities (Bristol, Powys and Carmarthenshire) and sessions held with CPAC members to review the Terms of Reference and performance indicators. The refreshed strategy is currently being drafted with a view to being launched before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 alongside a set of action plans to support implementation. A Corporate Parenting Officer has been appointed and is in post to support this work.

**GWEITHIO DROS GAERDYDD, GWEITHIO DROSOCH CHI**

Mae'r Cyngor yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg, Saesneg neu'n ddwyieithog. Byddwn yn cyfathrebu â chi yn ôl eich dewis, dim ond i chi roi gwybod i ni pa un sydd well gennych. Ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

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4. The current number of BAME in house foster carers 13 (1 black – other, 2 white European and 10 who are white other). An update re: plans to increase the number will be provided to Scrutiny in December.
5. The output from the study on child protection will be available for Scrutiny in November 2020.
6. A report on NEETS and young homelessness will be presented to Scrutiny in December 2020.

Yn gywir/  
Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G.J. Hinchey'.

**Y Cynghorydd / Councillor Graham Hinchey**  
**Aelod Cabinet dros Blant a Theuluoedd**  
**Cabinet Member for Children & Families**