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Annwyl / Dear Councillor Walker,

Policy Review & Performance Scrutiny Committee: 10th April 2019

Thank you for your letter dated 10th April 2019 and for the opportunity to present to Committee. I appreciate your kind comments regarding the meeting and will pass these on to officers involved.

With regards to the Committee's request for additional information regarding representation on the partnership board and any existing integration arrangements with the third sector, I can confirm that Cardiff Third Sector Council (C3SC) is a Statutory Invitee to Cardiff Public Services Board (PSB). As Chief Executive Officer at C3SC, Sheila Hendrickson-Brown attends Cardiff PSB meetings and is vice-chair of the PSB Delivery Board. Third sector partner representatives are also members of Cardiff's Community Safety Delivery Board, Education Development Board and Resilient Growth Board; ensuring third sector involvement across the partnership delivery framework.

I note your request for further information regarding those using employment schemes. I can confirm that the refugee employment support project has supported and engaged with 214 participants across Cardiff and the Vale, with 40 of the participants now in work. With Adult Learning, the team also ran a 6 week intensive course supporting refugees into construction. Arabic translation was provided throughout the course and 2 are now working for temporary agencies on building sites.

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Of those that responded to equality data questions on the mentoring projects;

- 766 were aged 16-24
- 1147 were aged 25- 49
- 264 were aged 50+
- 291 supported were unemployed for 3 or more years
- 1144 identify as white
- 1033 identify as BME
- 1363 men and 814 women have been supported on the projects to date

Services are provided in over 47 locations, each within the heart of the communities.

All mentoring projects have a responsibility to support individuals with sustainable employment ensuring individuals are supported with training and qualification opportunities. The mentoring projects are measured and expected to provide a 6 month follow up for participants who entered employment. Contact is maintained to ascertain the successful support provided by said mentoring project and to ensure individuals are still within paid employment. To date, from the number of people that have responded to us, 74% are still in employment from the projects 6 months after we helped them.

Of the total that we have supported into work, approximately 18% have returned to us for help within 12 months as they are no longer working.

The reasons for people falling out of work can range from the jobs not being what was expected to childcare issues. Reasons can differ for each individual. We do advise people that we have the Skills@Work programme; if they are struggling whilst in work we can now help with mentoring support. This will hopefully reduce numbers further going forward.

In response to Members' request for more detailed information relating to the Ask Cardiff surveys; I can advise that the 2019 Ask Cardiff survey is due to take place in September. I look forward to sharing these results with Members once they become available. Details of how participants answered "The quality of public services in Cardiff is good overall" in the 2017 and 2018 surveys are included in Appendix 1 for your information.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to present to Committee and for the useful feedback provided. I hope the above gives you and the Committee Members more clarity on the information requested.

Yn gywir / Yours sincerely,



Councillor / Y Cynghorydd Chris Weaver
Cabinet Member for Finance, Modernisation & Performance
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Appendix 1

Ask Cardiff survey response to the statement “The quality of services in Cardiff is good overall”, including ‘Don’t know’ responses:

2017	No.	%
Strongly agree	399	7.4
Tend to agree	3,136	58.1
Neither	826	15.3
Tend to disagree	825	15.3
Strongly disagree	214	4.0
Total	5,400	100.0

The above results indicate an increase in the % agreeing with the statement (70.4% in 2018 compared with 65.5% in 2017).