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Cllr David Barling
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Dear David

Task and Finish Group: Education and Skills Annual Report 2019

Thank you for your letter containing the recommendations of the Task and Finish Group (TFG) that considered the Education and Skills Annual Report 2019.

I am pleased to learn that the TFG has suggested that the Business Planning Group of the Committee should receive updates on the work to address the attainment gap for disadvantaged children and the progress of Priority 6. As noted, this is a key priority area and I endorse the approach of the School Improvement Team as they work to support these children achieve attainment levels in line with their peers.

I also welcome the suggestion that the Adult Community Learning Curriculum is presented to a future meeting of the Business Planning Group, so they can gain a greater insight into the broad range of the curriculum

I can confirm that, in response to the requests from the TFG:-

- Detail has been included in the report on the corporate targets around the progress and attainment of Children Looked After
- Information about the exclusion rates for children with SEND has been incorporated, along with the measures being taken to address this issue.
- The corporate targets against each measure to help provide clarity on the progress made in 2019 have also been added.

I am aware that the Director of Education and Skills has written to all Headteachers to seek feedback on the content and priorities within the report and will collate the responses to share with the Scrutiny Committee.

Yours sincerely

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