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Dear Councillor Jones

Local Service Board Scrutiny Performance Panel – 22 February 2016

Thank you for your letter dated 30 March 2016.

I am grateful for the work that the Panel has done on the effectiveness of the Local Service Board and have read your findings with interest. Partnership working is often challenging and it is useful to hear an independent perspective on what is working well and what is not. Of course I recognise many of the issues raised as they were discussed at the meeting I attended and raised in my previous letter to you.

In terms of your four recommendations for the Public Services Board my own view is that they should be adopted by the Board going forward. However, this should of course be a matter for the Public Services Board itself and, as you know, it has not yet met. I will therefore place your letter on the first available agenda so that these recommendations can be fully considered and discussed. The outcome of this will be reported back to scrutiny.

In respect of your recommendations about the Ageing Well Partnership Plan, again, I am happy to support these in principle. This is of course within the portfolio of Councillor Jane Harris so I will ask her to discuss the details of these recommendations with you when she attends the Panel.

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Finally, I was also disappointed to hear about the difficulty you had in getting responses from LSB partners. I can give you my reassurance that Council representatives on the PSB will be stressing the value and importance of scrutiny going forward. I expect that the statutory status of scrutiny for the PSB will further strengthen its influence.

Yours sincerely

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