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Dear Councillor Gordon

### **SCRUTINY INQUIRY INTO SCHOOL GOVERNANCE – 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**

I am writing in response to your letter dated 12 October 2017 regarding the Scrutiny Inquiry into School Governance and in particular the meeting that Kathryn Thomas and I attended with the School Governance Scrutiny Panel on 25 September 2017.

The Council website for school governors (<http://www.swansea.gov.uk/schoolgovernors>) has been updated and now includes the following reference to encourage governing bodies to request bespoke governor training that they may consider beneficial:

The School and Governor Team also offer bespoke training sessions on a range of subjects including roles and responsibilities and complaints. If you would like to arrange a session at your school or on a particular topic please get in touch: [The School and Governor Team](#)

I can confirm that the new mini booklet will soon be available on the above website. It is being used already to issue to new governors.

Work is also being undertaken to add information alongside the links to ERW, Governors Wales and My Local School to provide governors with improved understanding about the services and what they can provide.

Plans are in place to consider linking the education data packs and sample headteacher report on the above website and it is hoped that ERW will also provide a link on their webpage.

I trust this information will help to clarify the points that you raised in the September meeting.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Raynor', written in a cursive style.

**Councillor Jennifer Raynor**  
**Cabinet Member for Children, Education & Lifelong Learning**