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Councillor Rob Stewart
Cabinet Member for Economy and
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Summary: This is a letter from the Service Improvement and Finance Performance Panel to the Cabinet Member for Economy and Strategy. The letter concerns the meeting the Panel had on 14th August 2018 which relates to the End of Year 2017/18 Performance Monitoring Report

Dear Councillor Stewart,

On 14th August 2018, the Service Improvement and Finance Performance Panel met to consider the End of Year 2017/18 Performance Monitoring Report.

We are grateful to the Corporate Performance Manager for presenting the report and providing detail.

We heard that overall, 51% of indicators met target and 56% improved compared to the previous year.

We heard how Safeguarding and Education were the priorities where the least indicators met targets. We heard that increased demand in Adult Services and Child and Family Services is affecting some indicators.

Changes to the school curriculum, changes being made to Teacher assessments and changes to how indicators are used by teachers are impacting figures in education. There continues to be an attainment gap between pupils getting free school meals and those who aren't.

There are concerns that the staff sickness levels have increased again to 10.8 days.

There are some questions which have arisen as a result of the information the Panel heard and we will contact the relevant Heads of Service for further information.

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These questions concern the following;

1. AS12 – Rate of adults aged 18-64 receiving care and support to meet their well-being needs per 1,000 population. Missed target as there was an under recording of adults receiving care and support. The Panel will ask why there was an under recording.
2. EEF002 – Measurement of carbon reduction across all Swansea Council public building portfolio. The Panel will ask how this baseline was set and what factors were considered to develop this baseline.
3. PAM019 – Percentage of planning appeals dismissed. The Panel will ask how many planning applications had been refused by Officers and subsequently allowed at appeal 2017/18.
4. SAFE8b - The percentage of elected members who have completed safeguarding training. The Panel will ask if there is a strategy in place to bring the figure up to 100%.

There is no requirement for you to respond to this letter but we would welcome any feedback you may wish to give.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Holley', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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