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Dear Ms Shepherd

Rota Visits

Further to Councillor Owen's second witness statement dated 19 November 2018, I wanted to update you on the review of Member rota visits referred to within.

A report was presented to Children and Young People's Committee on 18 March 2019, which considered the current guidance for rota visits, and the advantages and disadvantages of the arrangements.

The report made the following recommendations, which were approved:

1. the withdrawal of current guidance on Rota Visits by Elected Members and that visits in their current format cease;
2. the establishment of a new Governance Board to oversee the Council's children's homes, including Clayfields House Secure Unit, led by Elected Members and with cross-party representation alongside senior professionals from multi-disciplinary backgrounds;
3. proposed Terms of Reference for the Governance Board to be produced and brought to the Committee for approval;
4. reports from the Governance Board being brought to the Committee every six months;
5. that a review of the revised governance arrangements is presented to Committee in 12 months' time.

A full copy of the committee report is enclosed.

Yours sincerely

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