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Dear Andrea

**Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel –  
All Age Learning Disability and Autism Strategy**

Thank you your letter to the Mayor dated 3<sup>rd</sup> October and the detailed attention from Members of the Health and Adult Social Care and Children and Young People Scrutiny Panels to this important strategy. It is excellent to see both Panels working together to ensure an all-age focus.

We wholeheartedly accept all of your recommendations. The emphasis upon social and economic opportunities for autistic people, and people with learning disabilities, is particularly welcome. Previous engagement has shown that access to employment is a high priority, and it is important for the Council to lead by example in this area. It is also helpful to extend our focus on social and economic wellbeing to both the criminal justice and benefits systems, and seek to work more inclusively and preventatively in these areas.

I also note the request that services and support are as clear and accessible as possible, including via the appropriate provision of information and advice. This should be a powerful organising principle for all of our improvement work, both within the Council and in partnership.

Finally, I very much welcome the attention from Scrutiny to ensure that this strategy is monitored, and that we are clear changes have made a positive difference to the lived experience of Doncaster people. I would welcome continued Scrutiny oversight as part of our assurance that we are continue to listen and respond to local people in making things better.

Thank you again for your invaluable work.

Yours sincerely

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