

**CHILDREN EDUCATION AND SKILLS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 11
JANUARY 2024**

PROVISION OF THE SHORT BREAKS SERVICE

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN SERVICES

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with an update on the provision of overnight short breaks for children with complex and additional needs in the city.

2. Background

- 2.1 At its meeting on 2 November 2024, the Committee received an update on plans for the future provision of the short breaks service. It was agreed to receive a further update to the January meeting of the Committee.

3 Current Position

- 3.1 Jill Colbert (Director of Children's Services) and Majella McCarthy (Director of Children's Social Care) will be in attendance to provide a presentation and update on the current position with regard to the planning process and engagement with families.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 The report is submitted for information and comment.