

## **Extraordinary meeting of the CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND SKILLS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

### **AGENDA**

**Meeting to be held on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 at 5.30 p.m.**

**This meeting will be held remotely. Joining details will be emailed to all participants.**

**The meeting will be livestreamed for the public to view on the Council's YouTube channel, 'sunderlandgov' at :-  
[https://youtu.be/ bQcayJ3NCs](https://youtu.be/bQcayJ3NCs)**

#### **Membership**

Cllr Crosby, Hunt, Mann, McDonough, McKeith (Vice-Chairman), F. Miller, Mordey, Noble, Samuels, Scanlan, P. Smith (Chairman) and Tye

Coopted Members – Mrs. A. Blakey and Ms. J. Graham

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16<sup>th</sup> April, 2021

## Item 2

**At a meeting of the CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND SKILLS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE held REMOTELY on THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2021 at 5.30 p.m.**

### **Present:-**

Councillor P. Smith in the Chair

Councillors Crosby, Mann, McDonough, McKeith, F. Miller, Noble, Samuels and Tye together with Ms Anne Blakey.

### **Also in attendance:-**

Mr Chris Adamson, Team Manager, Together for Children  
Ms Jill Colbert, Chief Executive, Together for Children  
Karen Davison, Director of Early Help, Together for Children  
Mr Jim Diamond, Scrutiny Officer, Law and Governance, Corporate Services Directorate  
Mr Simon Marshall, Director of Education, Together for Children  
Ms Linda Mason, Service Manager, Together for Children  
Mr David Noon, Principal Governance Services Officer, Law and Governance, Corporate Services Directorate  
Ms Gillian Robinson, Scrutiny and Members' Support Coordinator, Law and Governance, Corporate Services Directorate  
Ms Jayne Scott, YOS Case Manager, Together for Children

### **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillor Hunt.

### **Minutes of the last meeting of the Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee held on 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2021**

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee held on 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.

### **Declarations of Interest (including Whipping Declarations)**

There were no declarations of interest made.

### **Schools Re-Opening – Update**

The Chair welcomed and introduced Mr Simon Marshall, Director of Education who provided the Committee with a verbal update on the current position following the

Government announcement on 22 February 2021, of the reopening of schools for face to face teaching for all pupils from 8 March 2021.

Mr Marshall provided members with :-

- i) An assessment of the Government guidance on the re-opening of schools
- ii) The implications of the reopening for public health
- iii) The support provided to schools by the Council and Together for Children
- iv) The support provided for parents and the community.

Councillor Tye asked Mr Marshall if he could provide the Committee with an update in respect of the city's SEND schools regarding how they were adapting to the use of face coverings etc and what support was being given especially in respect of children with hearing difficulties.

Mr Marshall replied that it was an extremely difficult situation and additional guidance had been sought from the DfE because it wasn't just a Sunderland issue it was a national one. The response from the DfE was that they trusted schools to plan for it as effectively as possible. This may involve a great use of social distancing however there were obvious difficulties for anyone attempting to lip read. It was a challenge, but it was reassuring that Sunderland's special schools knew their pupils very well as this would help the schools in preparing their risk assessments. The Council had assured both schools and parents that they would provide the necessary support to ensure that they got the risk assessments right.

Councillor F. Miller asked what support was to be provided to parents whose children normally used taxis to travel to and from school and also, how would children be supported to administer their own lateral flow tests. Mr Marshall advised that Sunderland's SEND transport had continued to operate throughout the pandemic and managed via very tight risk assessments. He paid tribute to the fantastic work undertaken in this regard by Paul Tomlin who had a real gift for communicating with parents and was able to clearly explain the measures that had been put in place. Taxi drivers themselves were very experienced in working with this cohort of pupils. They were very skilled in dealing with the young people and had received a great deal of training / advice and were working within very clear risk assessments. The situation would continue to be monitored. There were challenges and change always brought anxiety for parents. It was about ensuring these anxieties were understood.

Mr Marshall acknowledged that the lateral flow tests could be a bit uncomfortable and for this reason the first three tests would be administered in school to enable pupils to receive training and gain the confidence to enable them to self-test at home.

Cllr Mann asked if there were any alternatives for children who may not be able to administer the tests or did not want to take them. Mr Marshall advised that schools were reporting that around 90% of pupils were able to take the tests. With regard to the remaining 10%, the schools would contact parents to try and understand the barriers they were facing and provide support to help them overcome them. All the information regarding lateral flow tests and the use of face coverings were available on the Council's website and a video on how to take a test was to be posted shortly.

At this juncture Councillor Samuels attempted to ask a question but could not be heard because of interference on her microphone. Mr Marshall suggested that she tried using the chat function and he would try and provide an answer. Councillor McKeith also advised that he was experiencing technical issues and was unable to ask questions.

The Chairman asked Mr Marshall if he was able to give any indication as to how far children had fallen behind academically as a result of the pandemic. Mr Marshall replied that over this last period of lockdown and as result of experience gained during the first period, the ability to provide successful alternatives to face to face teaching had been very good. As a result, initial research had suggested that children were not too far behind. It would be difficult to provide an accurate analysis however until all children had returned to school. His greatest concern revolved around the very youngest cohort as the first three years of a child's schooling were vital in terms of language development, social interaction and developing relationships.

Councillor Tye placed on record his thanks to everyone involved in the city's schools from the Senior Leadership Teams through to the cleaning staff for enabling children's education to continue safely. He stated that it was also important to recognise the role played by parents in adapting their lives to enable them to home school. He also advised that he had been working with a group of young people in Silksworth who having initially welcomed the fact that they could no longer go to school during lockdown, now couldn't wait to return. The intervening 12 months had made them realise how valuable school actual was to them.

Councillor Mann welcomed Councillor Tye's update and in particular the news of the positivity of the young people. She was mindful however of the potential mental health issues caused by the pandemic and asked Mr Marshall if schools were in a position to provide support if issues arose. Mr Marshall confirmed that schools were extremely cognisant of the issue and were ready to respond to it and any other barriers to learning. It would be more than a 6 week recovery period and it was likely it would take at least three years to fully understand the extent of the impact of the pandemic on children's education.

There being no further questions for Mr Marshall, The Chairman thanked him for his update and it was:-

2. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

### **The Youth Offending Service – Update**

The Director of Early Help submitted a report (copy circulated) to provide Members an update on the action being taken to prevent offending and reoffending by children and young people.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Linda Mason (Service Manager) presented the report advising that the Sunderland Youth Offending Service (YOS) was a multi-agency service comprising the four statutory agencies of police, probation, health and the Council. The service worked

in partnership with other key agencies such as the area courts and specialist service providers, including child mental health. The Committee was briefed on the partnership work undertaken to deliver both statutory and non-statutory services to the following, with particular reference to the impact of Covid:

- Young people aged 10-17 who, because of potential or actual offending had become involved in the criminal justice system
- Children and young people identified as at risk of offending
- Families of children and young people offending or at risk of offending
- Victims of young people who had offended.

Ms Mason then introduced Jayne Scott, YOS Case Manager, who provided the Committee with a case study which highlighted the positive use of restorative justice within the family home.

The Chairman referred to partnership working and asked officers if they felt the Youth Offending Service received the support it required from the Police Force and the Probation Service. Ms Mason advised that YOS had two Northumbria Police staff members who were based within the Team working on a part time basis. It was fair to say that the Northumbria Police view on working with young people and treating them as a child first and offender second had moved on considerably over the last twelve months and the Police's introduction of 'Outcome 22' was a testament to this. Working with the Probation Service provided greater challenges over the last twelve months as it had different covid rules in respect of making direct visits which had impacted on the ability of staff to undertake the visits.

Councillor Miller welcomed the use of the restorative justice programme and stressed the importance of adopting a holistic approach as there were always multi causal issues underlying any problem.

Councillor Noble stated that she loved hearing the successful outcomes relayed in Jayne's case study and absolutely endorsed the development of Outcome 22. She also confirmed that from her own experience working with young people in the west area of the city there had been a marked improvement in effectiveness of the partnership working between the YOS team, Probation and Police over the last 6 months.

Ms Davison added that it was important to note that the Police in particular had developed some really good partnership intervention working initiatives over the last 18 months and the Service was now starting to reap the benefits of this work. This included the 'safer schools' meetings, which were held on a very regular basis over different geographical areas of the city and also the 'VIP' (vulnerability, investigation and problem solving), initiative which were starting to make a big difference in terms of multi-agency working.

In response to an enquiry from the Chairman, Ms Mason explained the working relationship between the YOS and the Early Help Team.

In response to a further enquiry from the Chairman, Mr Adamson advised that the service was currently seeing a reduction in the numbers of cases where young males had carried out acts of violence against female members of their own family

and explained the tools at hand to tackle the problem when it arose such as the Respect programme.

There being no further questions or comments, the Chair thanked Ms Davison, Ms Mason, Ms Scott and Mr Adamson for their report, and it was:-

3. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

### **Annual Report**

The Scrutiny and Members' Support Coordinator submitted a report which sought approval from the Committee for the report as part of the overall scrutiny annual report 2020/2021.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Mr. James Diamond, Scrutiny Officer, presented the report, advising Members that as in previous year's the annual report would be a single combined report of all four Scrutiny Committees and would be presented to Council via the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee. The report would outline the development in the scrutiny function and provide a snapshot of their work during the last twelve months.

There being no further comment or questions, it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee Annual Report be approved and included within the Scrutiny Annual Report for 2020/21.

### **Annual Work Programme 2020/21**

The Scrutiny and Members' Support Co-ordinator submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided members with details of the Committee's work programme for the municipal year 2020/21

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Mr Jim Diamond, Scrutiny Officer presented the report and advised Members that the April meeting was scheduled to include a report from Sunderland College on apprenticeships. It had also been previously pointed out that the scheduled meeting date (1<sup>st</sup> April) fell within the Easter holidays and members had requested that a new date was found outside the holiday period. Mr Diamond advised that following consultation with the college and members on two possible dates (26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> April), the 26<sup>th</sup> had been identified as the most suitable for the majority of attendees.

Accordingly, Members agreed that the next meeting of the Committee be rearranged to be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2021.

5. RESOLVED that:-
  - i) the report be received and noted, and

- ii) the next meeting of the Committee scheduled to be held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April be cancelled and rearranged for Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 5.30pm.

### **Notice of Key Decisions**

The Scrutiny and Members' Support Co-ordinator submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided Members with an opportunity to consider those items on the Executive's Notice of Key Decisions for the 28 day period from the 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2021.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

The Committee was advised that if Members had any issues to raise or required further detail on any of the items included in the notice, they should contact Mr Diamond, Scrutiny Officer for initial assistance.

The Chair referred to item 210210/563 regarding the Review of the Corporate Parenting Board and asked that an update report on the matter was provided to the Committee at its next meeting.

6. RESOLVED that the Notices of Key Decisions be received and noted.

There being no further items of business, the Chair closed the meeting having thanked members and officers for their attendance and contributions.

(Signed) P. SMITH,  
Chairman.



## CHILDREN EDUCATION AND SKILLS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 26 APRIL 2021

### APPRENTICESHIPS UPDATE – SUNDERLAND COLLEGE

#### REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY AND MEMBERS' SUPPORT COORDINATOR

#### 1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To meet with representatives from Sunderland College in order to discuss the operation of apprenticeships in the city.

#### 2. Background

- 2.1 In setting its work programme for the year, the Committee agreed to include an update on the operation of apprenticeships in the city, including concerns on the effect of the Covid pandemic on apprenticeships and employment opportunities for young people particularly from disadvantaged backgrounds.
- 2.2 To this end a meeting has been arranged with Ellen Thinnesen (Principal and Chief Executive Officer) and Iain Nixon (Vice Principal Partnerships and Commercial) from Sunderland College.
- 2.3 Sunderland College is the largest provider of apprenticeships in the city and one of the largest in the region, offering around 40 apprenticeship programmes.

#### 3 Current Position

- 3.1 Apprenticeships have a long history in the UK. In the past they were associated with so called “traditional” trades such construction, engineering and shipbuilding – industries central to the local and regional economy. Ever evolving, today apprenticeships now reflect both traditional and newer emerging sectors in the economy including:-

- mechanical and engineering
- construction
- creative and cultural
- education
- health and care
- businesses services and digital
- tourism and retail
- transport and logistics

- 3.2 An apprenticeship can be defined as a real job with training. As employees, apprentices earn a wage and work alongside experienced staff to gain job-specific skills. Most of the training is ‘on the job’ within the workplace. Off the job, usually on a day-release basis, apprentices receive training to work towards a nationally recognised qualification, provided by a local college or by a specialist learning provider

- 3.3 Apprenticeships can take between one and four years to complete depending on the level of Apprenticeship, the apprentices' ability and the industry sector and are available in 1,500 occupations across more than 170 industries.
- 3.4 Apprenticeship are available from the age of 16 onwards and the educational levels are:-

<b>Name</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Equivalent educational level</b>
Intermediate	2	5 GCSE
Advanced	3	2 A level passes
Higher	4 and above	Foundation degree and above
Degree	5 to 7	Degree and above

- 3.5 Apprentices have the same legal entitlements as the rest of the workforce. Current minimum wage for apprentices is £4.30 an hour. This rate applies to apprentices under 19 and those aged 19 and over who are in their first year. Apprentices must be paid at least the minimum wage rate for their age if they are an apprentice aged 19 or over and have completed their first year.
- 3.6 The organisation and delivery of apprenticeships has changed considerably over recent years with a greater emphasis placed on the role employers in shaping courses and improving the quality of courses on offer.
- 3.7 The apprenticeship programme is delivered by National Apprenticeship Service (NAS) part of the Education and Skills Funding Agency. The NAS is responsible for increasing the number of apprenticeship opportunities and providing a dedicated, responsive service for both employers and learners. This includes simplifying the process of recruiting an apprentice through apprenticeship vacancies, an online system where employers can advertise their apprenticeship job vacancies and potential apprentices can apply.
- 3.8 In 2016 the Institute for Apprenticeships was established with the aim of ensuring high-quality apprenticeship standards and to advise the government on funding for each standard.
- 3.9 In April 2017 the apprenticeship levy came into effect with all UK employers with a pay bill of over £3 million per year paying the levy. Since the introduction of the funding changes in 2017 there has been a fall in the number of apprenticeship starts, leading to criticism of the operation of the levy. There has also been concern at the pace at which the apprenticeship standards have been developed.

- 3.10 For many, apprenticeships are considered the optimal way of training, developing and skilling people for the future, helping businesses to secure a supply of people with the skills and qualities they need and which are often not available on the external job market.

#### **4. Recommendation**

- 4.1 The Committee is recommended to consider and comment on the information provided.

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# Item 5

## CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND SKILLS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

26 April 2021

### REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES TOGETHER FOR CHILDREN PERFORMANCE UPDATE

#### 1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To provide performance information in relation to Together for Children and the commissioning arrangements in the Council, offer assurance over progress and any issues that arise, in the context of the scope of service and performance indicators set out in the service contract.

#### 2. Background

- 2.1 The contractual and performance of Together for Children is monitored regularly through the Operational Commissioning Group and the Chief Officers Group.

#### 3. Current Position

- 3.1 Information contained within this report will include the agreed Key Performance Indicators for Together for Children. The tolerance levels for each of the measures will be included within the report.

#### 4. Recommendations

- 4.1 The Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider and comment on the performance to date.

#### 5. Background Papers

Guide to Governance and Contractual Arrangements

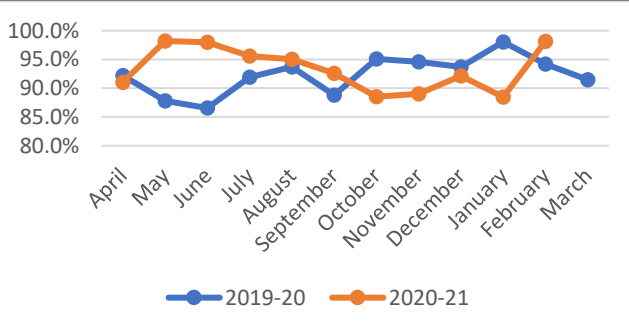
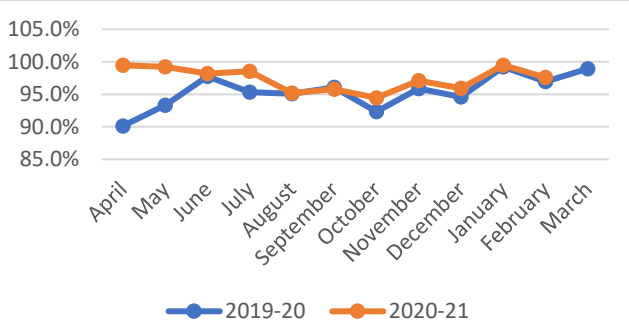
TOGETHER FOR CHILDREN	
DATE:	26 April 2021
REPORT of	Jill Colbert Chief Executive
SUBJECT:	Together for Children Performance Report
PURPOSE:	<p>To provide TfC Board with an overview of performance against the contractual indicators with Sunderland Council. Comments and analysis are based upon February 2021 performance information.</p> <p>The report below sets out the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Six key contractual performance targets with the Council;</li> <li>• Table of supporting measures reported to the Council;</li> <li>• Service commentary for any supporting measure reported as amber or red, and</li> <li>• Summary table showing the RAG rating of all contractual performance targets and supporting measures</li> </ul>

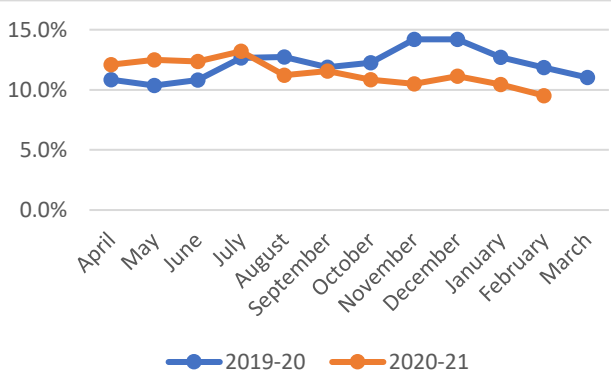
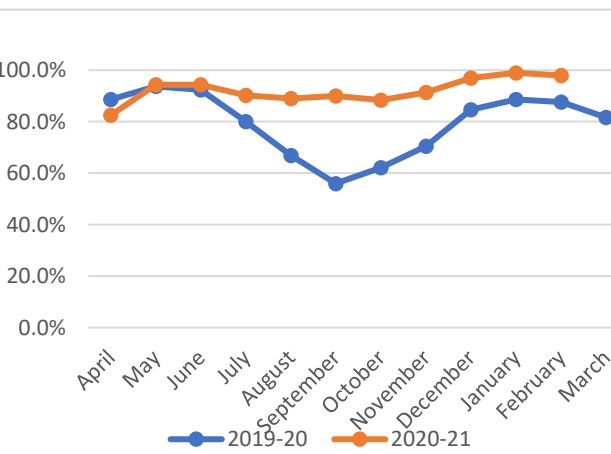
#### Rag Rating Definitions

<b>Red</b>	Indicator is not meeting target and is outside of tolerance range
<b>Amber</b>	Indicator is not meeting target but is within tolerance range
<b>Green</b>	Indicator is meeting or exceeding target
<b>Blue</b>	No data available

## CONTRACTUAL KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS 2020/21

MEASURE	Annual Target and Tolerance	CURRENT POSITION	TREND/BENCHMARKING DATA	COMMENTARY/IMPROVEMENT ACTION
KPI1 % of Early Help cases that were closed with two or more successful outcomes (TfC)	65% 62% – 64.9%	87%	<p>2019-20 2020-21</p>	Performance remains stable at a high level.
KPI2 Rate of first-time entrants into the Youth Justice System	375 375.1-402.9	377	<p>Jan 18 - Dec 18 Apr 18 - Mar 19 Jul 18 - Jun 19 Oct 18 - Sep 19 Jan 19 - Dec 19</p> <p>Sunderland North East England</p>	<p>This data has not changed since the last report to Committee. Next data is due for release after April.</p> <p><i>Note: There is a data lag on the data metrics as the data source used is the Police National Computer; data is the most recent publication.</i></p>

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KPI3 % of all referrals with a decision within 24 hours	95%  85% – 94.9%	98.2%	 <table><thead><tr><th>Month</th><th>2019-20 (%)</th><th>2020-21 (%)</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>April</td><td>92.0</td><td>91.0</td></tr><tr><td>May</td><td>88.0</td><td>98.0</td></tr><tr><td>June</td><td>87.0</td><td>98.0</td></tr><tr><td>July</td><td>92.0</td><td>96.0</td></tr><tr><td>August</td><td>94.0</td><td>95.0</td></tr><tr><td>September</td><td>89.0</td><td>93.0</td></tr><tr><td>October</td><td>95.0</td><td>89.0</td></tr><tr><td>November</td><td>94.0</td><td>89.0</td></tr><tr><td>December</td><td>93.0</td><td>92.0</td></tr><tr><td>January</td><td>98.0</td><td>89.0</td></tr><tr><td>February</td><td>94.0</td><td>98.0</td></tr><tr><td>March</td><td>92.0</td><td>92.0</td></tr></tbody></table>	Month	2019-20 (%)	2020-21 (%)	April	92.0	91.0	May	88.0	98.0	June	87.0	98.0	July	92.0	96.0	August	94.0	95.0	September	89.0	93.0	October	95.0	89.0	November	94.0	89.0	December	93.0	92.0	January	98.0	89.0	February	94.0	98.0	March	92.0	92.0	Performance has improved during February and is now above target.
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## SUPPORTING INDICATORS 2020/21- performance as at February 2021

REF	Supporting Indicators	Target	Tolerance	Current Position	YTD	RAG	RAG FQY
SM1	Rate of CIN	-	-	395.8	395.8	-	-
SM2	Rate of CP	-	-	76.2	76.2	-	-
SM3	Rate of CfC	-	-	114.9	114.9	-	-
SM4	% of referrals that were re-referrals within 12 months	23%	23.1%-28.9%	9.5%	20.9%	GREEN	YTD
SM5	% of Child in Need assessments authorised within 45 wds	85%	80% - 84.9%	89.7%	91.4%	GREEN	YTD
SM6	% of children subject to CIN plan who received a visit within 20 working days	75%	70% - 74.9%	90.3%	90.3%	GREEN	Monthly
SM7	% of Cared for Children who have received a statutory visit within timescale	95%	90% - 94.9%	98.7%	98.7%	GREEN	Monthly
SM8	% of care experienced young people in suitable accommodation (19-21)	85%	80% - 84.9%	n/ava	n/ava	BLUE	Annually
SM9	% of care experienced young people who are in employment, education or training (19-21)	40%	35% - 39.9%	n/ava	n/ava	BLUE	Annually
SM10	% of care experienced young people contacted within 8 weeks (17-21)	85%	80% - 84.9%	92.5%	92.5%	GREEN	Monthly
SM11	% of established social worker posts filled by agency/interim staff	16%	16.1% - 20%	1.09%	-	GREEN	Monthly
SM12	% of Early Help cases that were closed with two or more successful outcomes (Partner)	-	-	81.8%	82.9%	-	-
SM13	% of children subject to a repeat child protection plan (within 2 years)	10%	10.1% - 15%	10.7%	10.1%	AMBER	YTD
SM14	Number of missing from home episodes (& children)	-	-	43 (33)	545 (306)	-	-
SM15	Number of missing from care episodes (& children)	-	-	41 (23)	526 (102)	-	-
SM16	% of children identified at risk of MSET who have a completed MSET Framework	98%	95% - 97.9%	n/a	100%	GREEN	Monthly
SM17	% of children subject to CP plan longer than 2 years	0%	0.1% - 1%	0.0%	0.0%	GREEN	Monthly

SM18	% of children placed with internal foster carers	-	-	56.5%	56.5%	-	-
SM19	% of CfC with a plan of permanence by second review (in period) <i>Note: this measures includes children with a twin track plan</i>	-	-	100%	100%	GREEN	Monthly
SM20	Number of CLA who have had unplanned placement moves in the period	-	-	0	14	BLUE	Annually
SM21	Number of internal foster carers	-	-	251	251	-	-
SM22	% of young people who are NEET or whose activity is not known (age 16 – 17)	6%	6.1% - 10%	6.5%	6.5%	BLUE	Dec – Feb 2020 Average
SM23	% of established social worker posts that are vacant	15%	15.1% - 20%	6.44%	-	GREEN	Monthly
SM24	Proportion of Education Health Care plans issued in 20 weeks/excluding exception cases	67%	62% - 66.9%	-	-	BLUE	Annually
SM25	The provision of a detailed financial update report to the Executive Director of Corporate Resources within 5 days of the Company Board	100%	95% - 99.9%	100%	-	GREEN	Monthly
SM26	The provision to the S151 Officer of timely School's Finance Reports within 5 days of each Schools Forum meeting	100%	95% - 99.9%	100%	-	GREEN	Quarterly

## **Commentary on Supporting Measures rated as red or amber**

### **SM13 % of children subject to a repeat child protection plan (within 2 years)**

57 children have been subject to a repeat child protection plan (within the last two years), since the start of April. This means performance is fractionally over target, so reported as amber.

By comparison, at the same point last year there were 68 children being subject to a children protection plan (within the last two years).

Processes have improved meaning there is greater senior management oversight to decision making when children are placed onto a Child Protection Plan.

## SUMMARY OF INDICATORS- WHICH ARE RATED RED, AMBER, GREEN, OR BLUE

REF	Key Performance Indicators	FQY	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M
KPI1	% of Early Help cases that were closed with two or more successful outcomes (TfC)	YTD	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	
KPI2	Rate of first-time entrants into the Youth Justice System	Q	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	A	A	A	A	
KPI3	% of all referrals with a decision within 24 hours	M	G	A	G	G	G	A	A	A	A	A	G	
KPI4	% of children subject to a child protection plan who have received a statutory visit within 20 working days	M	G	G	G	G	G	G	A	G	G	G	G	
KPI5	% of CfC with 3+ placements in the last 12 months	M	A	A	A	R	A	A	G	G	A	G	G	
KPI6	% of CfC with an up to date PEP	M	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	
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SM5	% of Child in Need assessments authorised within 45 wds	YTD	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	
SM6	% of children subject to CIN plan who received a visit within 20 working days	M	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	
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SM8	% of Care Experienced Young People in suitable accommodation (19-21)	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
SM9	% of Care Experienced Young People who are in employment, education or training (19-21)	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
SM10	% of Care Experienced Young People contacted within 8 weeks (17-21)	M	G	A	G		A	G	G	G	G	G	G	
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SM13	% of children subject to a repeat plan (within 2 years)	M	G	G	G		G	A	G	G	G	A	A	
SM16	% of children identified at risk of MSET who have a completed MSET Framework	M	G	G	-		G	G	G	G	G	G	G	
SM17	% of children subject to CP plan longer than 2 years	M	G	A	G		G	G	G	G	G	G	G	
SM19	% of CfC with a plan of permanence by second review (in period)	M	G	G	G		G	G	G	G	G	G	G	
SM20	Number of CfC who have had unplanned placement moves in the period	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
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SM25	The provision of a detailed financial update report to the Executive Director of Corporate Resources within 5 days of the Company Board	M	G	G	G		G	G	G	G	G	G	G	
SM26	The provision to the S151 Officer of timely School's Finance Reports within 5 days of each Schools Forum meeting	Q	-	-	-		-	G	-	-	G	-	-	

# Item 6

**CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND SKILLS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 26 APRIL 2021**

## **SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2020-2021**

### **REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY AND MEMBERS' SUPPORT COORDINATOR**

#### **1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 The report sets out for members' consideration the work programme of the Committee for the 2020/21 municipal year.

#### **2. Background**

- 2.1 The work programme is designed to set out the key issues to be addressed by the Committee during the year and provide it with a timetable of work. The Committee itself is responsible for setting its own work programme, subject to the coordinating role of the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee.
- 2.2 The work programme is intended to be a working document which Committee can develop throughout the year, allowing it to maintain an overview of work planned and undertaken during the Council year.
- 2.3 In order to ensure that the Committee is able to undertake all of its business and respond to emerging issues, there will be scope for additional meetings or visits not detailed in the work programme.
- 2.4 In delivering its work programme the Committee will support the Council in achieving its corporate outcomes.

#### **3. Current position**

- 3.1 The current work programme is attached as an appendix to this report.

#### **4. Conclusion**

- 4.1 The work programme is intended to be a flexible mechanism for managing the work of the Committee in 2020-21.

#### **5 Recommendation**

- 5.1 That Members note the information contained in the work programme.

Contact: Gillian Robinson, Scrutiny and Members' Support Co-ordinator

REASON FOR INCLUSION	9 JULY 20	3 SEPT 20 (CANCELLED)	1 OCT 20	22 OCT 20	26 NOV 20	7 JAN 21	4 FEB 21	4 MARCH 21	26 APRIL 21
<b>Policy Framework/ Cabinet Referrals and Responses</b>	Scrutiny Annual Report – 19/20 (JD)							Scrutiny Annual Report – 20/21(JD)	
<b>Scrutiny Business</b>	Covid 19 – Update (Martin Birch)		Impact of Covid on Children and Young Families (Jill Colbert)  Preparations of Schools in Response to Covid 19 (Simon Marshall)	Impact of Covid 19 on Young Carers and SEND (Carers Centre Parent Carers Forum)	Safeguarding Children Partnership Update (Sir Paul Ennals)  Regional Adoption Agency (Jill Colbert)		Impact of Covid 19 on Child Mental Health (CCG – Ann Fox/Kimm Lawson)  Operation of Assessment Services for CYP with ASC and ADHD (CCG – Ann Fox)	Schools Reopening Update (Simon Marshall)  Youth Offending (Linda Mason)	Apprenticeships (Sunderland College)
<b>Performance / Service Improvement</b>						Together for Children – Performance Monitoring Report (Jill Colbert)  Children Services Complaints  Ofsted Improvement Plan – Update (Jill Colbert)			Together for Children – Performance Monitoring Report (Jill Colbert)
<b>Consultation / Awareness Raising</b>	Notice of Key Decisions  Work Programme 20-21	Notice of Key Decisions  Work Programme	Notice of Key Decisions  Work Programme 20-21	Notice of Key Decisions  Work Programme 20-21	Notice of Key Decisions  Work Programme 20-21	Notice of Key Decisions  Work Programme 20-21	Notice of Key Decisions  Work Programme 20-21	Notice of Key Decisions  Work Programme 20-21	Notice of Key Decisions  Work Programme 20-21

## CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND SKILLS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

### NOTICE OF KEY DECISIONS

### REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY AND MEMBERS' SUPPORT CO-ORDINATOR

#### 1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To provide Members with an opportunity to consider the items on the Executive's Notice of Key Decisions.

#### 2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Holding the Executive to account is one of the main functions of Scrutiny. One of the ways that this can be achieved is by considering the forthcoming decisions of the Executive (as outlined in the Notice of Key Decisions) and deciding whether Scrutiny can add value in advance of the decision being made. This does not negate Non-Executive Members ability to call-in a decision after it has been made.
- 2.2 To this end, the most recent version of the Executive's Notice of Key Decisions is included on the agenda of this Committee. The Notice of Key Decisions is attached marked **Appendix 1**.

#### 3. CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 In considering the Notice of Key Decisions, Members are asked to consider only those issues where the Scrutiny Committee or relevant Scrutiny Panel could make a contribution which would add value prior to the decision being taken.
- 3.2 In the event of Members having any queries that cannot be dealt with directly in the meeting, a response will be sought from the relevant Directorate.

#### 4. RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 To consider the Executive's Notice of Key Decisions at the Scrutiny Committee meeting.

#### 5. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- Cabinet Agenda



The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Notice is given of the following proposed Key Decisions (whether proposed to be taken in public or in private) and of Executive Decisions including key decisions) intended to be considered in a private meeting:-

Item no.	Matter in respect of which a decision is to be made	Decision-maker (if individual, name and title, if body, its name and see below for list of members)	Key Decision Y/N	Anticipated date of decision/ period in which the decision is to be taken	Private meeting Y/N	Reasons for the meeting to be held in private	Documents submitted to the decision-maker in relation to the matter*	Address to obtain further information
210301/571	To consider statutory proposals and objections/comments received thereon and reach a decision in relation to the proposed discontinuance (closure) of Hetton le Hole Nursery School.	School Organisation Committee of Cabinet	Y	20 May 2021	N	Not applicable.	School Organisational Committee of Cabinet report and responses to Consultation and Statutory proposals	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
170927/212	To approve in principle the establishment of a new police led Road Safety Partnership (Northumbria Road Safety Partnership) embracing the Northumbria Force Area.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 15 June to 30 September 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
201201/538	To give approval to progress with the Emergency Active Travel Funded cycle scheme on the Sea Front from the former tram stop to Roker café.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 15 June to 30 September 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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210211/564	To approve the payment of financial assistance to a Sunderland based company in relation to the company's own investment plans.	Cabinet	Y	15 June 2021	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
210211/565	To consider entering into a Funding Agreement and associated Partnership Agreement related to the city's low carbon programme.	Cabinet	Y	15 June 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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201201/537	To give approval to progress with the three schemes (Sunderland Station and Car park, Holmeside bus rationalisation and A690 corridor cycle provision) funded by the governments Transforming Cities Fund.	Cabinet	Y	15 June 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
210118/552	To consider the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order for the New Wear Footbridge.	Cabinet	Y	15 June 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
210312/572	To consider a proposed Lease of the Former Elemore Golf Course.	Cabinet	N	15 June 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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210326/573	To consider a proposed new assessment and ranking system for minor road safety schemes.	Cabinet	N	15 June 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
210326/574	To approve the adoption of the Development Management Supplementary Planning Document.	Cabinet	N	15 June 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
200813/494	To approve the establishment of a funding mechanism for the acquisition of residential properties.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 15 June to 31 July 2021	Y	This report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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Further documents relevant to the matters to be decided can be submitted to the decision-maker. If you wish to request details of those documents (if any) as they become available, or to submit representations about a proposal to hold a meeting in private, you should contact Governance Services at the address below.

Subject to any prohibition or restriction on their disclosure, copies of documents submitted to the decision-maker can also be obtained from the Governance Services team PO Box 100, Civic Centre, Sunderland, or by email to [committees@sunderland.gov.uk](mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk)

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**Who will decide;**

Councillor Graeme Miller – Leader; Councillor Paul Stewart – Deputy Leader/Cabinet Secretary; Councillor Louise Farthing – Children, Learning and Skills; Councillor Kelly Chequer – Healthy City; Councillor Linda Williams – Vibrant City; Councillor Rebecca Atkinson – Dynamic City.

This is the membership of Cabinet as at the date of this notice. Any changes will be specified on a supplementary notice.

Elaine Waugh,  
Assistant Director of Law and Governance

8 April 2021