

**REPORT OF THE HEAD OF MEMBER SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY
PARTNERSHIPS**

TOGETHER FOR CHILDREN - UPDATE

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to receive an update on the current position of Together for Children.

2. Background Information

- 2.1 At its meeting on 30 November 2017, the Committee requested that the Chief Executive be invited to a future meeting in order to discuss the current position with regard to the operation of Together for Children.
- 2.2 Established on 1 April 2017, Together for Children delivers children's services on behalf of Sunderland City Council.
- 2.3 Together for Children is owned by Sunderland City Council but controlled by an independent board to ensure operational independence.

3. Current Position

- 3.1 Sunderland City Council's Chief Executive, Irene Lucas (CBE) will be in attendance at this meeting to provide an update with regard to the operation of Together for Children and to answer questions from Members of the Scrutiny Committee.
- 3.2 The Committee's work programme for the remainder of 2017 / 18 will then be reviewed and revised as necessary to address any subsequent issues raised.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 The Scrutiny Committee is requested:
- (a) To consider the update of the Chief Executive; and
- (b) To review and revise the Committee's work programme for the remainder of the 2017/18 Municipal Year in light of the discussions.

5. Background Papers

The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:-

- (a) Agenda and minutes of the meeting of the Children Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee held on 30 November 2017.

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