

CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND SKILLS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Meeting to be held in City Hall, (Committee Room 1) on Thursday 6th October 2022 at 5.30 p.m.

Membership

Cllrs Burrell, Crosby, Dunn, P.W.L. Gibson, Guy, S. Johnston, Mason-Gage (Chairman), McKeith (Vice-Chairman), Samuels, P. Smith, Thornton, and Tye

Co-opted Members - Mrs. A. Blakey

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E. WAUGH, Assistant Director of Law and Governance, Civic Centre, SUNDERLAND.

28th September 2022

At a meeting of the CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND SKILLS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE held in the COMMITTEE ROOM 1, CITY HALL on THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2022 at 5.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor McKeith in the Chair

Councillors Burrell, Crosby, Dunn, PWL Gibson, Guy, S. Johnston, Mason-Gage, Samuels, P. Smith Thornton and Tye

Also in attendance:-

Cllr Louise Farthing, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Children, Learning and Skills. Jill Colbert, Director of Children's Services and Chief Executive for Together for Children.

Mr Jim Diamond, Scrutiny Officer, Law and Governance, Corporate Services Directorate.

Ms Majella McCarthy, Head of Service for ICRT, Assessment and Locality, Together for Children.

Mr. David Noon, Principal Governance Services Officer, Law and Governance, Corporate Services Directorate.

Ms Pamela Robertson, Strategic SEND Lead, Together for Children.

Prior to the commencement of the business the meeting was informed that the Chair Councillor Mason-Gage had lost her voice and she had therefore asked the Vice – Chair, Councillor McKeith, to chair this meeting of the Committee.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Mrs. A. Blakey.

Minutes of the last Ordinary meeting of the Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee held on 7th July 2022

Councillor Thornton advised that she notified officers of her apologies prior to the meeting however they had not been included in the minutes.

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 7th July 2022 be confirmed as a correct record, subject to the inclusion of Councillor Thornton in the list of apologies.

Declarations of Interest (including Whipping Declarations)

There were no declarations of interest made.

Corporate Parenting Strategy

The Director of Children's Services submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided Members with an update on the further development of Corporate Parenting for Together for Children and Sunderland City Council, through a renewed Corporate Parenting Strategy and the adoption of the Change Council's 'Change Game' as a training tool for corporate parents.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

To complement the report, Majella McCarthy, Head of Service for ICRT, Assessment and Locality, at Together for Children provided the Committee with a comprehensive powerpoint presentation which detailed the key responsibilities of corporate parents, the priorities of the strategy, how they would be achieved and how TfC and the Council would know that they were making a difference.

Councillor Farthing advised that Care Experienced young people could feel very isolated and it was important that through the strategy they would receive support and mentoring in relation to post 16 education, employment and skills and housing that was tailored to each young person. The Change Game was an eye opener which would enable corporate parents and others to understand what life was like for cared for and care experienced young people. Councillor Farthing added that she sat on a regional meeting of Lead Members for Children's Services and the group was of the opinion that care experienced should be added to the list of protected characteristics. This was something she wanted to discuss with the young people of Sunderland to gain their views on the matter.

The Chairman thanked Ms Colbert and Ms McCarthy for their presentation and invited questions and comments from Members.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Crosby regarding plans to support young people in supported accommodation during the cost of living crisis, Ms Colbert advised that the Council had the ability to make exceptional payments and would work with the partnership to mobilise support however it would not necessarily increase the various allowances granted to young people as a default option.

Councillor Mason-Gage asked if the pressures of the cost of living crisis would effect the number of foster parents coming forward. Ms Colbert stated that this was an interesting question and her honest answer was that she didn't know. The number of people coming forward had decreased nationally and not just in Sunderland. Despite potential foster parents being able to earn allowances of up to £32,000, Sunderland had not managed to recruit any additional carers. A regional recruitment campaign would shortly be underway which would be based on the realisation that word of mouth was the best recruitment tool. Councillor Farthing confirmed that foster carers recruiting foster carers was the best and most effective route. Foster caring tended to run in families and in friends of those families.

Councillor Thornton referred to the health related priority in the strategy regarding rapid access to emotional well-being support for children and young people and asked what this would look like in reality. Ms Colbert replied that TfC paid for a dedicated service and that young people should be offered an appointment within 48

hours. In reality there was a piece of work required regarding the waiting list and the model did need to be modernised. Councillor Farthing added that the position in respect of the waiting list was now much better than it had been.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Smith, Ms Colbert advised that we have probably travelled further that we might have thought in respect of reducing the challenges faced by cared for young people in terms of stigma, employment and housing. The change language campaign made people pause and think about the kind of language they used, in terms of education as a gateway to employment many of Sunderland's cared for young people were now out-performing their counterparts. Young people had also met with the Chief Executive of Gentoo to discuss the issue of housing. Councillor Farthing added that it was the role of every elected member to champion the cause of Sunderland's cared for young people and work to help overcome the stigma they faced.

Councillor Guy referred to care experienced young people who were also NEET and the speculation from the Prime Minister about the potential removal of personal statements from university and college applications thus placing a greater emphasis on results. He believed that this would increase the amount of anxiety faced by young people especially those who were currently NEET and asked how it would be addressed. Ms Colbert replied that TfC received an incredible amount of support from the University and the College who met with the city's cared for children and were prepared to make adaptations. TfC worked with cared for young people who were NEET to give them a rounded CV and coached and mentored them in respected of job and university interviews.

Councillor Guy asked if TfC directed its cared for young people to, or away from particular types of employment and if they would check pay and terms of conditions. Ms Colbert replied that every cared for young person had a Pathway Plan and issues such as those would feature as part of the plan. In response to a further enquiry from Councillor Guy, Ms Colbert confirmed that most of Sunderland's cared for young people would move into social housing in the first instance.

There being no further questions the Chairman thanked Ms Colbert, Ms McCarthy and Councillor Farthing for their presentation, and it was:-

2. RESOLVED that the report and presentation be received and noted.

Sunderland Local Area Written Statement of Action

The Director of Children's Services submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided the Committee with an update on the Sunderland Local Area Written Statement of Action (WSoA) issued by Ofsted following the joint Inspection of the Sunderland Local Area SEND provision in June 2021.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms Pamela Robertson, Strategic SEND Lead, Together for Children, presented the report providing a detailed commentary on the actions taken to address the following two priorities identified in the WSoA as areas for specific focus:-

Priority 1: Joint commissioning, in a way that demonstrably and quickly improves provision and outcomes for children and young people, is not fully embedded. The information used to inform this process is not comprehensive, and coproduction with children, young people and families is inconsistent

Priority 2: The support for children and young people at times of transition across all services and age ranges is too variable in quality processes involved together with any trends or themes arising and addressed questions and comments from Members thereon.

At this juncture upon the announcement of the death of Her Majesty the Queen, the meeting was adjourned.

(Signed) J. McKEITH, Chairman.

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6 October 2022

CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND SKILLS SCRUITINY COMMITTEE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

SUNDERLAND LOCAL AREA WRITTEN STATEMENT OF ACTION

1 Purpose of the report

1.1 To update members of the Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee on Sunderland Local Area Written Statement of Action (WSoA).

2 Background

2.1 Following a joint Inspection of the Sunderland Local Area SEND provision in June 2021 by Ofsted and the CQC, Sunderland Local Area were issued with a WSoA with two specific areas of focus:

Priority 1: Joint commissioning, in a way that demonstrably and quickly improves provision and outcomes for children and young people, is not fully embedded. The information used to inform this process is not comprehensive, and coproduction with children, young people and families is inconsistent

Priority 2: The support for children and young people at times of transition across all services and age ranges is too variable in quality

In order to address these two priorities a WSoA was produced, the content of which was agreed as fit for purpose by Ofsted and the CQC. Progress against the WSoA is monitored as part of the remit of the Strategic SEND Board and also by regular meetings with representatives from DfE and CQC, which are attended by key representatives from TfC and Health, plus our Parent Carer Forum Co-Chairs.

The WSoA can be accessed here:

Sunderland Local Area Written Statement of Action for Special Educational Needs SEND December 202.pdf (togetherforchildren.org.uk)

3 Update on progress against Priority 1

3.1 (WSOA point 1.0) Improve integration of pathways, processes and governance between education, health and social care:

We have developed a new SEND Governance structure with multi-agency representation jointly chaired by between TfC and ICB with representatives from all key stakeholders. The group has met twice with the next meeting planned for September 14th 2022. Part of the remit of this group is to ensure adequate progress is made against the priority areas of the WSoA and the Board receives regular reports from sub-groups.

3.2 (WSOA point 1.1) Development of data in all areas to improve the sharing of data across health and TfC to allow more rigorous analysis to be undertaken to plan for services:

A revised Joint Strategic Needs Assessment is currently in the process of being finalised by the Performance team with a draft due to be shared with all stakeholders later this month (September 22).

The Life Start project is on track to achieve against agreed project plan objectives with a shared data platform due to be delivered in March 2023. This will enable data to be shared across education, social care and health in order to better inform key joint commissioning priorities. Although the project ends formally in March 2023 there is planned ongoing development work, including research with Sunderland University beyond this data.

3.3 (WSOA point 1.2) Improve Coproduction with CYP and their families:

Talking Mats: Two cohorts of professionals from health, education, early help, social care and commissioning have completed training in the use of digital and physical Talking Mats. This visual communication framework supports children with complex communication needs to express their views and feelings and will be used as a coproduction tool across services. These professionals are now using Talking Mats in their practice; initial feedback has highlighted that children with a range of special educational needs have responded well to the tool. Practitioners have requested additional Talking Mats resources for specific topics, such as bullying.

Healthy Parent Carer Programme: Commissioners are working closely with parent carers as part of the Breathing Space project. Four parent carers from the Sunderland Parent Carer Forum will begin train the trainer sessions in September 22 to enable them to deliver the University of Exeter's Healthy Parent Carer Programme to wider groups of parents and carers. The tailored, peer-led group programme can be delivered online or face-to-face and addressees the higher risk of poor mental and physical health for parent carers of children with SEND. It is designed to improve parent carers' health and wellbeing by promoting empowerment, confidence, and resilience.

Mind of My own: The SEND team are actively exploring Mind of My Own as a mechanism to capture views of CYP within Statutory processes. A meeting has been held with Jane Wheeler (Service Manager Early Help) to agree next steps and business processes have been shared. Initial proposal is to implement use of the tool for new statutory assessments and key PfA transition reviews (year 11 and 14).

3.4 (WSOA Action point 1.3) Implement a Dynamic Support Register and review Care, Education and Treatment Review processes and policies:

The Children's Dynamic Risk Register has now been established and is meeting on a monthly basis. ToR have been agreed. However, it is too early to evaluate the impact on individual CYP at this time.

3.5 (WSOA point 1.4) Review of therapy services.

This work is ongoing led by the Strategic Commissioning Manger and will report towards the end of this year. Timeline for any implementation of recommended changes is June 2023. This work is impacted by the recent changes in moving from Clinical Commissioning Group CCG to Integrated Care Board ICB.

3.6 (WSOA 1.5) Review of Community Equipment services

The joint commissioning task and finish group continues to review pathways and processes across community equipment services, including those which are independently commissioned by schools to ensure families have a clear pathway to access, update and maintain equipment within home and education. Commissioners have facilitated four mapping sessions to date. Therapy leads and other professionals from across health, education and social care have used case studies as worked examples of the strengths and challenges of current pathways. Several quick wins and longer-term priorities have been identified, including agreeing a revised MDT pathway and consolidating processes for the storage, maintenance and delivery of all equipment. A final mapping session is scheduled for Sept to draw together the key themes from the previous sessions. Following this, detailed actions will be agreed and progressed, including the development of a new service specifications and SLAs.

3.7 (WSOA point 1.6) Improve NHS Continuing Care processes and arrangements for the joint assessment, commissioning and procurement of services for children with complex needs:

A new process for commissioning children's continuing health care funding has been developed in conjunction with NEC. Training has been delivered to TfC Social Care staff and a session is planned later this month for SEND colleagues. At this stage it is too early to monitor the impact in terms of numbers and quality of referrals.

3.8 (WSOA point 1.7) Increase personalisation, including the uptake of personal budgets and integrated personal commissioning.

A draft report and action plan on development of Personal Budgets has been developed by commissioners. However, further input is required from Social Care and Education. A meeting is scheduled to share draft documents and agree next steps.

3.9 (WSOA 1.8) Agree an outcomes framework for joint commissioning

This action is ongoing. This work is ongoing led by the Strategic Commissioning Manger and will report towards the end of this year with a due date of December 2022. This work is also likely to be impacted by the recent changes in moving from Clinical Commissioning Group CCG to Integrated Care Board ICB.

3.10 (WSOA point 1.9) Access to appropriate short-breaks and leisure opportunities, with facilities that align closely with the interests of children and young people with SEND and meet the needs of families:

Breathing Space: Delivery of this DfE Respite Innovation Fund project has commenced. Breathing Space is a whole family model, designed to offer joined-up support and create positive opportunities for families with children who have a primary learning need of SEMH or ASD and are at risk of suspension or permanent exclusion from school in Years 6 -11. Short break sessions have ran throughout the summer holiday period. Weekend and after-school sessions will start from September. Positive Behaviour Support Planning will also commence in September, with the appointment of a PBS practitioner and a trainee.

Community Short Breaks: a review of community short breaks services is commencing alongside the review of personal budgets / direct payments processes. Commissioners are undertaking a benchmarking exercise and are liaising with regional colleagues to scope out potential commissioning models to address the sufficiency challenges in relation to the provision of individual, home-based and community short breaks support.

4 Update on progress against Priority 2

4.1 (WSOA 2.0) Improve the recognition and monitoring of SEND at an early stage within the pre-school cohort of children:

A health notification process for 0-5 children with SEND (or potential SEND) has been developed and shared with colleagues across health. Notifications are now being received and reviewed on a monthly basis by a multi-agency team including the Designated Clinical Officer (DCO), 0-19 Service Lead, Portage and Strategic Lead for SEND (TfC). The School Improvement Early Years Advisory team operate with a caseload of Early Year settings and monitor

the identified children within their settings to ensure needs are being met, appropriate funding is secured and transition takes places. Where children are not yet in an Early Years setting monitoring will fall to the most appropriate service involved (generally either 0-19 Health Visitor or Portage). Since implementation the process has identified a number of children who were not accessing relevant support, which has been addressed. In exceptional cases, where the level of need is significant, Statutory Assessment and / or an Assessment Placement in a Specialist setting has been agreed through this process, leading to earlier intervention. The process is well embedded within the 0-19 service but analysis of referrals indicates there is further wok to do within some health teams. This is being picked up via the DCO.

4.2 (WSOA point 2.1) Deployment of the Early Years' Inclusion Fund (EYIF) so settings can ensure children get timely access to the support they need to make a successful transition into statutory education.

The Early Years Inclusion Fund (EYIF) process has been refreshed and a new process has been shared with all Early Years' settings for full implementation from this September. The new process includes structured opportunities to review the impact of the funding at the level of the individual child, with input and support from settings via the Early Years School Improvement Advisory Service.

An investment of up to £30,000 has been agreed from the EYIF to provide up to 6 part time nursery places at the recently established Communication Hub, which provides a 12 week programme of intensive support for children with SLC difficulties. These places will be focused on children due to transition into reception in Sept 2023 in order to provide a strong transition and boost progress before statutory education.

4.3 (WSOA point 2.2 Increased awareness and support of the School Health Nursing Offer so that the needs of children and young people are accurately identified at the earliest opportunity.

Deep dives of Health Visitor and School Nurse involvement by 0-19 service have taken place and are being used to plan allocation of services to schools.

The service completed a survey monkey to Early Years settings to highlight areas of concern as identified by nursery staff. This supported one to one interventions and delivery of health promotion sessions within some settings, which will in turn support transition sessions taking place between June - Sept 22.

A presentation was delivered at the Primary Head Teachers' meeting and to SENCO's to share the information about the Healthy Child Program and the findings of the deep dives. The offer has been circulated to all settings and all Head Teachers have received a letter from the 0-19 service management team, sharing the name of their link Health Visitor and Early Years Practitioner and all school settings have also had the information regarding the link Specialist Public Health Practitioner and their link Junior Public Health Practitioner as well as the single point of contact number for the service.

4.4 (WSOA point 2.3 Upskill Early Years' workforce with a greater knowledge and understanding of SEND issues within Sunderland.

Thirty two PVI (Private, Voluntary and Independent) SENDcos underwent L3 SENDco training during the academic year 21/22. There are further plans to roll out the qualification to the remainder of settings this coming academic year 2022/23 in line with a revised CPD offer for the Early Years sector. There is a comprehensive offer of CPD planned for Early Years' providers for the academic year 2022/3. This is being circulated now for the new academic year and will be updated according to demand throughout the year.

- 4.5 (WSOA point 2.4) Phased transfer reviews will be completed in a timely manner There is a target in place to achieve at least 65% completion of statutory reviews by the statutory deadlines. These are February 15th 2023 (for year groups -1, 2 and 6) and March 31st (years 11 and 14). It is too earlier to report progress at this stage as the process begins in earnest from Sept 22, however, the SEND Team is now well supported by reports following the transition of Reviews to Capita One system. This will be a key business priority for the Statutory SEND team and progress will be monitored weekly throughout the Autumn term and Spring term. The challenge will lie in balancing the workload of the SEND Caseworker and Business Support teams against the significant increase in new statutory assessment requests.
- 4.6 (WSOA point 2.5) There will be a clear and consistent approach from schools and education settings to meeting children's individual needs at each stage of transition throughout school, and especially between Primary to Secondary and Secondary to Post 16

A suite of transition training sessions was designed and delivered in conjunction with NASEN (Whole School SEND). These were delivered between January and March 2022 and focused on each of the key age phases from nursery to Post 16. These included input from specialist teams, Social Care and health colleagues. Feedback and learning from the sessions was developed into a set of documents which will form a toolkit for schools. These will be shared with schools in the Autumn term.

4.7 (WSOA point 2.6) Access to clear and accessible information available to children, young people and parents at each stage of transition so they can make informed choices.

Funding has been secured for a Strategic Transition Lead who will lead on developing strong multi-agency pathways for young people transitioning between Children's and Adults services. A job description has been developed for this key role. Recruitment to the post will be progressed by the Head of Integrated Children's commissioning and the post will sit within the Commissioning team but the role will work in a cross-agency manner.

A parent and young person portal has been established to capture family and young person views as part of the EHCP referral process. We are currently exploring alternative ways of gathering child and young person voice, including Mind of my Own. These options are being explored using feedback from the STARS group.

A business case has been developed by Commissioning to explore actions required to refresh Local Offer and Family Information Service (Sunderland Information Point). This will include the resource to recruit staffing to manage the site.

4.8 (WSOA point 2.7) Access to a wide range of suitable opportunities for post-16 study including study programmes, supported internships, traineeships, and apprenticeships so pathways can be tailored to individual needs and aspirations

During the academic year 21/22 a new Supported Internship programme was launched in Sunderland by Health Education England (HEE), Project Choice. This was successful and year 2 of the programme has recruited healthy numbers.

A task and finish group is currently undertaking a mapping exercise for all post 16 provision within the local area with a view to sharing information effectively for young people, families and pre-16 providers to support transition choices and planning. This group will also identified how gaps in provision can be addressed if applicable.

The SEND team are working closely with Career and NEET team to strengthen joint working as part of statutory EHCP reviews and quality of advice feeding into EHCPs. A development and training session with Careers and NEET team in planned in September.

4.9 (WSOA point 2.8) Timely and clear transition plan to be developed for all with children, young people with SEND, alongside their parents, as they progress from children's to adults' services in social care and health.

Recruitment to Transition Coordinator role is being taken forward by Commissioning. This post will review transition arrangements between Children's and Adult's services and Health teams and ensure there are clearly understood pathways between services.

The Transition Management Group has been strengthened through participation Health (DCO) and SEND Team Manager. There is a multi-agency strategic working group in place which has recently developed, in co-production with PCF, a survey to explore families' experience of transition. This will be used to develop pathways and processes.

A joint adults and children's commissioning group also meets on a regular basis to plan services for specific young people with complex needs prior to transition. This group has a particular focus on helping to provide a seamless pathway towards appropriate supported living for young people who have lived in out of authority residential settings.

5 Recommendation

The Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee are invited to note the contents of this report.

Together for Children Meaningful Measures September 2022

Item 5





I feel safer and supported.



How many children need help and protection?

- Rate of children subject to an early help episode
- Rate of child in need
- Rate of children subject to Child Protection Plan

Do we intervene early enough?

- · % Family Group Conferences escalated to Child Protection or Cared for
- Number of children open to Early Help stepped up to Social Care
- Number of children open to Social Care stepped down to Early Help
- Rate of referrals
- · Rate of child in need assessments completed
- · % Child in need assessments completed in timescale 🚳
- Rate of Section 47s
- •% Section 47s progressed to Initial Child Protection Conference

How often are worries raised about children that we have already tried to help?

- % Children subject to repeat Child Protection Plans within 2 years 🥯
- % Re-referrals within 12 months

Indicator icon key

- ✓ At or above target performance
- Below target performance but within tolerance range
- X Below both target performance and tolerance range





Supporting Measure



I feel safer and supported.

23.0%

May Jun Jul

20.7%

21.6%

North East

Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar

20.7%

Latest Month

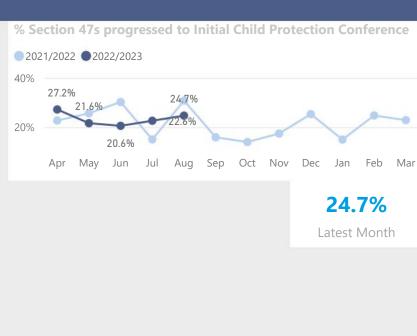
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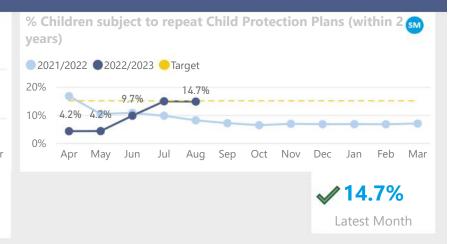
22.7%

England

20%







I feel happy at home and feel connected to people that matter to me.



How many children are cared for?

- Rate of current Cared for Children
- · Cared for children by age

Do our Cared for Children have a permanent home and how close do they live to where they are from?

- •% Cared for Children living in long term foster care
- % Cared for Children with a plan of permanence at second review
- •% Cared for Children living 20+ miles from home, outside of the LA boundary 😵

Do our Cared for Children live with a family member or friend and do they have to move homes?

- % Cared for Children living in kinship care arrangements that are known to TfC
- •% Cared for Children who have experienced 3+ moves within the last 12 months
- •% Children in care for at least 2.5 years living in current home for 2 years or more

Do children feel happy at home?

- · % Cared for Children that have a missing incident 🥯
- Average number of missing incidents per Cared for Children who went missing

Indicator icon key

- ✓ At or above target performance
 - Below target performance but within tolerance range
- 🗶 Below both target performance and tolerance range
- Contractual Measure
- Supporting Measure



I take the lead in my plans and TfC makes sure workers can support me, and my family. together for

ogether for children

How many workers do we have to help our children and families?

- % Established posts filled with permanent employees
- % Vacancy rate
- % Annual turnover

Are we hearing from children about their plans?

- % Cared for Children who participated in their statutory review (aged 4 yrs +) 🚳
- % Family Group Conferences where child's voice was heard
- Number of Mind of my Own Statements sent to TfC

Do children know their workers?

- Number of social worker changes
- •% Cared for Children with a change in IRO

Are plans timely and successful?

- ·% New EHCPs issued within 20 weeks, excluding exception 🔂
- •% Family Group Conferences stepped down to the universal services and/or required no further support
- % Early Help cases closed with successful outcomes TfC only 🥯
- % Child Protection plans closed within 2 years
- % Children who are subject to a Child Protection Plan for longer than 2 years 🚳
- % Special Guardianship Orders granted from care
- ·% Young people engaged in Wear Kids Prevention Team who successfully completed an intervention plan 🔊
- •% EHCP Needs Assessments and Annual Reviews where the children's views form has been completed

Indicator icon key

- ✓ At or above target performance
 - Below target performance but within tolerance range
- X Below both target performance and tolerance range
- Contractual Measure
- Supporting Measure



I take the lead in my plans and TfC makes sure workers can support me, and my family



% Established posts filled with permanent employees

83.1%



% Vacancy rate

16.9%



14.4%



In Development

% Family Group **Conferences where** participated in their statutory child's voice was heard



X 72.5% [™]

% Cared for Children who

review (aged 4 yrs +)



Number of Mind of my Own Statements sent to TfC

148



No of SW changes



In Development



% Cared for children with a change in IRO



In Development

% new EHCPs issued within 20 weeks, excluding exception ■ 2021/2022 ■ 2022/2023 ● Target Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar **59.9%** 71.8% 68.9% England North East Latest Month

% Family Group Conferences stepped down to the universal services and/or required no further support



% Early Help cases closed with successful outcomes - TfC only 2021/2022 2022/2023 Target 90% Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar 88.5% Latest Month

% Child Protection plans closed within 2 years

97.6%



% Children who are subject to a **Child Protection Plan for longer** than 2 years



0.0%





% EHCP Needs Assessments and Annual Reviews where the children's views form has been completed



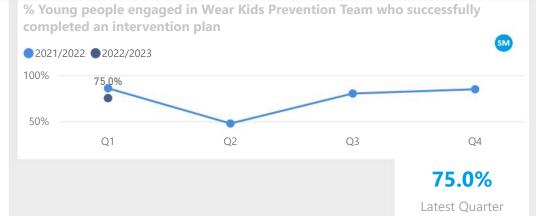
In Development



% Special Guardianship **Orders granted**

26.5%

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I feel healthier, join activities that are fun, and my ideas help TfC to be creative, improve and make changes.



How many children and families are accessing our activities?

- · Number of children and you people attending celebration events
- Number of participations by children and young people
- · Number of children attending HAF events

Are children and young people accessing services to help them feel healthier?

- % Cared for Children with up-to-date health assessments
- · Number of children and young people accessing mental health services or KOOTH
- Number of children and young people accessing services on the Prevention bus
- % Schools achieving Healthy Schools Award
- · % Schools achieving Mental Health Charter Mark
- ·% Primary pupils eligible for Free School Meals
- •% Secondary pupils eligible for Free School Meals

How often do we receive feedback about our workers and services?

- · Numbers (unique) of children and young people involved in a consultation activity that informs the design,
- delivery or evaluation of services
- · Number of initial customer feedback contacts received
- •% Initial customer feedback contacts escalated to stage 1 complaint
- Number of compliments received in period

Indicator icon key

- ✓ At or above target performance
 - Below target performance but within tolerance range
- X Below both target performance and tolerance range





Supporting Measure



I feel healthier, join activities that are fun, and my ideas help TfC to be creative, improve and make changes



Number of CYP attending Celebration events



In Development



Number of participations by children and young people



In Development



Number of children attending HAF events



In Development



% Cared for Children with up-to-date health assessments





% Schools achieving Healthy Schools Award



In Development



% Schools achieving Mental Health Charter Mark



In Development



% Primary pupils eligible for free school meals

28.0%



% Secondary pupils eligible for free school meals

31.0%

No of CYP accessing mental health services or KOOTH

2021/2022 2022/2023

400

300

Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4

300

300Latest Ouarter

Number of children accessing services on the Prevention bus



In Development



Aug

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Nov

Latest Month

Latest Month

% Initial customer feedback contacts escalated to stage 1 complaint



5.9%
Latest Month

No of compliments received in period

2021/2022 2022/2023

50

Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar

6

Latest Month

I have opportunities to learn and achieve my goals and I feel positive about my future



How many children and young people are in school?

- Overall absence rate
- · Number of children electively home educated
- Number of children missing education
- Permanent exclusion rate
- Persistent absence rate
- Suspension rate

How are children learning?

- % Cared for Children (aged 4 -17) with an up-to-date Personal Education Plan 🐽
- % EYFSP children achieving a Good Level of Development (All, CfC & SEND)
- •% KS2 children achieving the expected level in reading, writing and maths (All, CfC & SEND) 600
- % KS4 children achieving grade 4-9 in English and Maths (All, CfC & SEND) 🔬

What are the barriers to young people achieving their goals or feeling positive about their future?

- ⋅% Young people who are NEET or whose activity is not known (age 16 17) 😵
- · % Care experienced young people who are in Employment, Education or Training (19-21-year-old) 🚳
- · % Care experienced young people who are in Employment, Education or Training (17–18-year-old)
- Rate of first-time entrants to the Criminal Justice System (per 100,000 population) 🚳
- % Offending by Cared for Children
- · % Young people who worked with YDAP who had a successful outcome 🚳
- % Young people engaged in Wear Kids Prevention Team who remained out of the youth justice system

Indicator icon key

- At or above target performance
- Below target performance but within tolerance range
- X Below both target performance and tolerance range
- Con

Contractual Measure



Supporting Measure



I have opportunities to learn and achieve my goals and I feel positive about my future

Absence Overall Absence Rate -Overall Absence Rate -Overall Absence Rate -All **Primary Secondary** 5.1% 3.6% 6.5% **Persistent Absence Rate Persistent Absence Rate Persistent Absence Rate** - All - Primary - Secondary 13.5% 8.2% 18.2%

Suspensions & Exclusions			
	Permanent Exclusion Rate - All	Permanent Exclusion Rate - Primary	Permanent Exclusion Rate - Secondary
٦	0.10%	0.00%	0.20%
	Suspension Rate - All	Suspension Rate - Primary	Suspension Rate - Secondary
	5.30%	0.70%	11.30%



% Cared for Children (aged 4-17) with an up-to-date Personal Education Plan



97.8%

Attainment

EYFS - % Children achieving a Good Level of Development

Comparator	2018/19
England	71.8%
North East	71.8%
Stat. Neighbour	70.6%
Sunderland	72.6%

EYFS - % SEND children achieving a Good Level of Development

Comparator	2018/19
England	24.6%
North East	25.7%
Stat. Neighbour	24.8%
Sunderland	25.3%

EYFS - % Cared for Children achieving a Good Level of Development

Comparator	2018/19
England	48.0%
North East	51.0%
Sunderland	33.3%



KS2 - % Children achieving the expected level in reading, writing and maths

Comparator	2018/19
England	65.0%
North East	67.0%
Stat. Neighbour	65.4%
Sunderland	67.0%

KS2 - % SEND children achieving the expected level in reading, writing and maths

Comparator	2018/19
England	22.3%
North East	24.5%
Stat. Neighbour	22.8%
Sunderland	23.9%

KS2 - % Cared for children achieving the expected level in reading, writing and maths

Comparator	2018/19
England	37.0%
North East	47.0%
Stat. Neighbour	49.6%
Sunderland	46.0%

KS4 - % Children achieving grade 4-9 in English and Maths

Comparator	2020/21
England	67.1%
North East	70.8%
Stat. Neighbour	69.6%
Sunderland	69.8%

KS4 - % SEND children achieving grade 4-9 in English and Maths

Comparator	2020/21	
England	35.10%	
North East	31.30%	
Stat. Neighbour	32.50%	
Sunderland	28.00%	
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KS4 - % Cared for children achieving grade 4-9 in English and Maths

Comparator	2020/21
England	28.8%
North East	29.9%
Stat. Neighbour	32.8%
Sunderland	22.6%





I feel healthier, join activities that are fun, and my ideas help TfC to be creative, improve and make changes



Item 6

CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND SKILLS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

6 OCTOBER 2022

REPORT OF SCRUTINY AND MEMBERS' SUPPORT COORDINATOR

CONSULTATION WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 To consider feedback from a meeting with representatives from Cozmic 3piphany.

2. Background

- 2.1 At its meeting in October 2021, the Committee heard from young people from range of participation and engagement groups on the key issues facing young people in the city.
- 2.2 At that meeting, it was agreed to hold a series of meetings to discuss issues with young people in a more informal setting.

3. Current Position

- 3.1 On 1 September 2022, members of the Committee attended a meeting with Cosmic 3piphany held at the Beacon of Light.
- 3.2 Cozmic 3piphany is a group for young people aged 11 to 18, or up to age 25 for care experienced young people or those with a special educational need or disability, who identify as LGBTQ+ or are questioning their sexuality and/or gender identity.
- 3.3 The meeting provided an opportunity to hear the views of the young people and discuss any issues of concern.
- 3.4 Members in attendance included Councillors Katherine Mason-Gage, Josh McKeith, Pat Smith, Margaret Crosby and Logan Guy.
- 3.5 Members will feedback on the issues raised at the session.

4. Recommendations

4.1 The Committee is asked to consider and comment on the feedback from young people from Cozmic 3piphany.

CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND SKILLS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 6 OCTOBER 2022

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2022-2023

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 2022/23 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 2022-23.

5 Recommendation

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

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

REASON FOR INCLUSION	9 JUNE 22 (INFORMAL MEETING)	7 JULY 22	8 SEPT 22	6 OCT 22	3 NOV 22	1 DEC 22	5 JAN 23	2 FEB 23	2 MARCH 23	30 MARCH 23
Policy Framework/ Cabinet Referrals and Responses										Scrutiny Annual Report – 22/23
Scrutiny Business	Work Programme 2022/23	Consultation with LGBTQ+ Community	Corporate Parenting SEND – Areas for Deep Dive Performance Report	SEND – Areas for Deep Dive TfC Meaningful Measures Performance Report – Areas Deep Dive Consultation with LGBTQ+ Community - Feedback on Visit	Safeguarding of Children (To consider the implications for the Council of the National Panel Review of Child Protection Early Years - role of Family Hubs as part of integrated family service ensuring families with children and young people aged 0-19 receive early help)	Speech Disorder and Language Disorder in Early Years Future Provision of Services for Children Requiring Specialist Support Asylum Seekers - support available for children and their families	Child Obesity – (Incl How can we better promote healthy eating among young people. Also, the influence of exercise and sporting provision) (Lorraine Hughes)	Schools Update (incl Implications of the White Paper Opportunities for All. The action being taken to catch up on lost education due to the Covid pandemic and which programmes are most effective, particularly for SEN pupils) (Simon Marshall)	Training and Apprenticeship Access for Care Experienced Young People The measures to reduce the number of young people not in education or training.	
Performance / Service Improvement		TfC Self – Evaluation (Jill Colbert) Children Services Customer Feedback (Stacey Hodgkinson)				Children Services Customer Feedback (Stacey Hodgkinson)				

Consultation / Awareness	Notice of Key Decisions	Notice of Key Decisions							
Raising	Work Programme 22-23	Work Programme 22-23	Work Programme 23-23	Work Programme 22-23	Work Programme 22-23	Work Programme 22-23	Work Programme 22- 23	Work Programme 22- 23	

Issues to Programme: Mental Health Charter Mark Award

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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

28 day notice Notice issued 14 September 2022

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
220106/682	To give consideration to the Draft Bus Enhancement Partnership Plan and Scheme	Cabinet	Y	13 October 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland .gov.uk
220207/690	To approve the sale of the former Alex Smiles site and to undertake required remedial works.	Cabinet	Y	13 October 2022	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 City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland .gov.uk

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220207/691	To approve the acquisition of strategic sites in the Commercial Road Area.	Cabinet	Y	13 October 2022	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 City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland .gov.uk
220524/714	To agree to the grant of an option to sell property at Richmond Street, Sheepfolds, Sunderland.	Cabinet	Y	13 October 2022	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 City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland .gov.uk

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220712/722	To seek agreement to the proposed development strategy of the Council's Self and Custom Build Sites.	Cabinet	Y	13 October 2022	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 City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland .gov.uk
220719/723	To seek approval for the acquisition of Property at Crowtree Road and to grant a lease of the former Crowtree Leisure Centre	Cabinet	Y	13 October 2022	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 City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland .gov.uk

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220808/732	To seek Cabinet approval to the disposal of South West Lodge, Mere Knolls Cemetery, Dovedale Road, SR6 8LW.	Cabinet	Y	13 October 2022	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 City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland .gov.uk
220621/720	To approve funding options in respect of development at Nile and Villiers Street Sunniside	Cabinet	Y	13 October 2022	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 City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland .gov.uk

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220720/724	To seek approval to publish the International Advanced Manufacturing Park Area Action Plan (IAMP AAP) Review.	Cabinet	Y	13 October 2022	N	Not applicable	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland .gov.uk
220815/733	To agree to the sale of land at Commercial Road, Sunderland.	Cabinet	Y	13 October 2022	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 City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland .gov.uk
220822/735	To consider a review completed by Together for Children in relation to Carers Allowances and Capital Adaptations and to approve policy and practice. This relates to carers who obtain either a Special Guardianship Order or a Child Arrangement Order.	Cabinet	Y	13 October 2022	N	Not applicable	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland .gov.uk

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220822/736	To update Cabinet on progress of the New Wear Footbridge ("the Scheme") and seek approval to award the main works contract for the Scheme.	Cabinet	Y	13 October 2022	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 City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland .gov.uk
220831/737	To seek approval for the Winter Service Policy 2022/23.	Cabinet	Y	13 October 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland .gov.uk
220804/731	To approve the Budget Planning Framework and Medium Term Financial Plan 2023/24 to 2026/27.	Cabinet	Y	13 October 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland .gov.uk

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220901/739	To approve the Capital Programme Second Review 2022/2023 (including Treasury Management).	Cabinet	Y	13 October 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland .gov.uk
220901/740	To approve the Second Revenue Budget Second Review 2022/2023.	Cabinet	Y	13 October 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland .gov.uk
210709/612	To authorise the Executive Director of City Development to deliver the Washington F-Pit Museum Heritage Visitor Centre and Albany Park Improvement project, including the procurement of consultants and contractors.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 13 October to 30 November 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland .gov.uk

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220628/721	To seek approval to the proposed ECO Flex 4 Criteria and agree to the appointment of local providers to manage delivery of the scheme within Sunderland.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 13 October to 31 December 2022.	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland .gov.uk
220728/726	To adopt a Playing Pitch Plan (PPP) that will be used as a strategic planning document for sport playing pitches in the city.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 13 October to 30 November 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland .gov.uk
220819/734	In respect of the Sunderland Heat Network to provide an update and to seek Cabinet approval for change in delivery approach.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 13 October to 31 December 2022.	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland .gov.uk
220725/725	To approve the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Delivery Plan	Cabinet	Y	During the period 13 October 2022 to 31 January 2023.	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland .gov.uk

Note; Some of the documents listed may not be available if they are subject to an exemption, prohibition or restriction on disclosure.

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 City Hall, Plater Way, Sunderland, or by email to committees@sunderland.gov.uk

*Other documents relevant to the matter may be submitted to the decision maker and requests for details of these documents should be submitted to Governance Services at the address given above.

Who will decide:

Councillor Graeme Miller – Leader; Councillor Claire Rowntree – Deputy Leader & Clean Green City; Councillor Paul Stewart - Cabinet Secretary; Councillor Louise Farthing – Children, Learning and Skills: Councillor Kelly Chequer – Healthy City; Councillor Linda Williams – Vibrant City; Councillor Kevin Johnston – 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

14 September 2022