

**CHILDREN EDUCATION AND SKILLS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2
NOVEMBER 2023**

FUTURE PROVISION OF THE SHORT BREAKS SERVICE

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN SERVICES

1. Purpose of the Report

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

2. Background

- 2.1 At its meeting on 7 September 2023, the Committee received an update on plans for future provision, following the end of the agreement between SCAS and Grace House to provide the short breaks service.

3 Current Position

- 3.1 Jill Colbert (Director of Children's Services) and Majella McCarthy (Director of Children's Social Care) will provide a presentation on the progress made to date and plans moving forward to provide alternative care for children with complex and additional needs.

4. Recommendation

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