

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF TOGETHER FOR CHILDREN

OUTCOME OF OFSTED INSPECTION OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To receive a presentation on the outcome of the recent Ofsted's inspection into services for children in need of help and protection, looked after children and care leavers and future improvement activity.

2. Background Information

- 2.1 On 24 July 2018, Ofsted published a report on the outcome of a re-inspection of services for children in need of help and protection, looked after children and care leavers. The report judged children's services in Sunderland as follows:

Children's services in Sunderland are inadequate	
1. Children who need help and protection	Inadequate
2. Children looked after and achieving permanence	Requires improvement
2.1 Adoption performance	Good
2.2 Experiences and progress of care leavers	Requires improvement
3. Leadership, management and governance	Inadequate

3. Current Position

- 3.1 Jill Colbert Chief Executive of Together for Children and Director of Children's Services Sunderland will be in attendance to provide an update on the outcome and recommendations contained in the Ofsted Inspection report and to answer questions from Members of the Scrutiny Committee.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 The Scrutiny Committee is requested to consider and comment on the report.

5 Background Papers

Re-inspection of services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers (Ofsted Report July 2018)