

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

JOINT AREA SEND INSPECTION IN SUNDERLAND – FEEDBACK

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To report on the outcome of the recent Joint Area Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) inspection.

2. Background

- 2.1 Between 21 June 2021 and 25 June 2021, Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) conducted a joint inspection of the local area of Sunderland to judge the effectiveness of the area in implementing the special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) reforms as set out in the Children and Families Act 2014.
- 2.2 The letter setting out the inspection findings of the visit was published on 28 September 2021. A copy of the letter is attached for information.

3. Current Position

- 3.1 Jill Colbert (Director of Children's Services) will be in attendance to report on the feedback.

4. Recommendations

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

5 Background Papers

Inspection Letter regarding SEND Services in Sunderland