

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

**UNACCOMPANIED ASYLUM SEEKING CHILDREN – NATIONAL
TRANSFER SCHEME UPDATE**

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN SERVICES

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with an update on the National Transfer Scheme for Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children.

2. Background

- 2.1 In setting its work programme for the year, the Committee agreed to receive an update report on the National Transfer Scheme for unaccompanied asylum seeking children.
- 2.2 Together for Children are responsible for children and young people who are found to be seeking asylum within the Sunderland area and those that are referred to us via the National Transfer Scheme.

3 Current Position

- 3.1 Sharon Willis (Head of Service) will provide a presentation regarding the work ongoing for children and young people who are unaccompanied and seeking asylum, known to Children's Social Care.
- 3.2 The presentation will cover the current position, the challenges and plans moving forward.

4. Recommendation

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