

**CHILDREN EDUCATION AND SKILLS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 7  
SEPTEMBER 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 last meeting, the Committee agreed to receive 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 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.