

LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN LEAVING CARE

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to update the Committee on the current position with regard to looked after children who are leaving care.

2. Background

- 2.1 At its meeting in January 2017, the Committee considered an update report on the Sunderland Safeguarding Children Improvement Plan. At the meeting the Committee asked for a further report on the services available for looked after children who are leaving care.

3 Current Position

- 3.1 The appropriate officers will be in attendance to outline the current position and answer any questions from members.
- 3.2 A copy of the Ofsted letter dated 2 September 2016 is attached by way of background. The letter was sent following an Ofsted Monitoring visit which looked at the experiences and progress of young people leaving care.

4 Conclusion

- 4.1 The report sets out to provide additional information requested by members on the services available for looked after children who are leaving care.

5 Recommendation

- 5.1 That the Scrutiny Committee considers the progress being made in relation to services available for looked after children who are leaving care.

6. Glossary

None

7 Background Papers

Ofsted Monitoring letter 2 September 2016