

Report to: Cabinet

Date of meeting: 12 November 2019

By: Assistant Chief Executive

Title: Scrutiny Review – Support for Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (UASC)

Purpose: To provide an opportunity for the Cabinet to consider the report of the People Scrutiny Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

To consider any comments the Cabinet wishes to make to the County Council on the report of the People Scrutiny Committee.

1 Background

1.1 The People Scrutiny Committee established the scrutiny review of Support for Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (UASC) to explore what could be done to help develop practical, achievable recommendations that would help the Children Services Department enhance the assistance it provides to this especially vulnerable group of children and young people.

2 Supporting information

2.1 The People Scrutiny Committee has completed its review of Support for Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (UASC). A copy of the report is attached at appendix 1.

2.2 The Committee's report will be submitted to the County Council on 5 December 2019. The Cabinet has the opportunity to comment to the County Council on the recommendations in the Scrutiny Committee's report, although it cannot alter the report. Elsewhere on the agenda (item 7b) there is a separate report by the Director of Children's Services commenting on the Scrutiny Committee's report and recommendations.

3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

3.1 Cabinet is invited to consider any comments it wishes to make to the County Council on the report of the People Scrutiny Committee.

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