

## **CHILDREN'S SERVICES O&S COMMITTEE**

### **26 November 2024**

#### **Notice of Recommendations from the Overview & Scrutiny Board Meeting held on 18 November 2024, for provision to Children's Services O&S Committee meeting of 26 November 2024.**

Action required – for consideration by Children's Services O&S Committee.

#### **O&S Board Agenda Item 7– 'O&S Budget Working Groups findings and recommendations'.**

The Overview and Scrutiny Board agreed the following recommendations to Children's Services O&S Committee on this item.

That the Committee:

1. Notes the challenges in the market around children's social care providers and the development of the Sufficiency Strategy to address this and that the Sufficiency Strategy be added to the Children's Services O&S work plan for engagement in at the appropriate time.

(Unanimous Decision)

2. Notes that mental health provision needs strengthening to meet demand and that this be included within the Children's Services O&S work plan as a priority for scrutiny.

(Unanimous Decision)

3. Scrutinises the progress of the delivery of sustainability projects to continue to improve service provision and mitigate against cost growth in the area of school transport, particularly the first two planned projects as follows:

- Implement a replacement operating system to manage Home To School Transport (HTST). (Noting that the existing system will cease to be supported from February 2025).
- Develop an Independent Travel Training (ITT) programme including exploring future development of ITT to include opportunities for children and young people who are successfully trained to participate in mentoring of future trainees.

(Unanimous Decision)