

<b>Committee:</b> Safeguarding Sub-Committee	<b>Dated:</b> 14/11/2024
<b>Subject:</b> Sufficiency Strategy for Children in Care and Care Leavers 2024-27	<b>Public</b>
<b>This proposal</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>delivers Corporate Plan 2024-29 outcomes</b></li> </ul>	<b>Providing Excellent Services</b>
<b>Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>If so, how much?</b>	<b>NA</b>
<b>What is the source of Funding?</b>	
<b>Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?</b>	<b>NA</b>
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### Summary

The report provides Members with the Department's Sufficiency Strategy for Children in Care and Care Leavers 2024-27.

### Recommendation

Members are asked to:

- Note the contents of report and the Sufficiency Strategy for Children in Care and Care Leavers 2024-27

### Main Report

#### Background

1. Local authorities have a statutory duty to take steps to secure placements to meet the needs of children in care and care leavers. The Sufficiency Strategy for Children in Care and Care Leavers 2024-27 sets out the Department's approach to ensuring this is achieved.

#### Current Position

2. The Sufficiency Strategy for Children in Care and Care Leavers was updated in 2024 and details the Department's approach to securing accommodation for the children that come into our care, and for those leaving care.
3. Through delivery of the Strategy and the detailed approaches to securing placements the Department ensures the statutory duty is met. The Strategy runs until 2027, and will be reviewed annually, with the next review in September 2025.

## **Key Data**

4. None

## **Sub-headings**

Strategic implications – The Strategy aligns with and will support the delivery of the Corporate Plan 2024-2029. Notably, the sub heading of Providing Excellent Services: Supporting people to live healthy, independent lives and achieve their ambitions is dependent on excellent services. Vital to that continued pursuit is enabling access to effective adult and children’s social care, outstanding education, lifelong learning, quality housing, and combatting homelessness.

Financial implications – None.

Resource implications – None.

Legal implications – None.

Risk implications – None.

Equalities implications – The Strategy ensures delivery of the Corporations public Sector Equality Duty 2010. It details an approach that meets individual’s diverse needs and ensures a positive impact on people protected by existing equality legislation.

Climate implications– None.

Security implications– None.

## **Conclusion**

5. The Strategy provides assurances of the Department’s ability to meet its statutory duty to provide sufficient accommodation to for children in our care, and those leaving our care.

## **Appendices**

- Appendix 1: Sufficiency Strategy for Children in Care and Care Leavers 2024-27

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