

# Corporate Parenting Board

## 26 January 2017

**Time** 5.30 pm **Public Meeting?** YES **Type of meeting** Oversight

**Venue** Committee Room 4 - Civic Centre

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**Chair** Cllr Val Gibson (Lab)

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Cllr Lynne Moran  
Cllr Peter O'Neill  
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# Agenda

## Part 1 – items open to the press and public

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Presentation by Alison Hinds, Head of Looked After Children

# Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children

Presenter: Alison Hinds

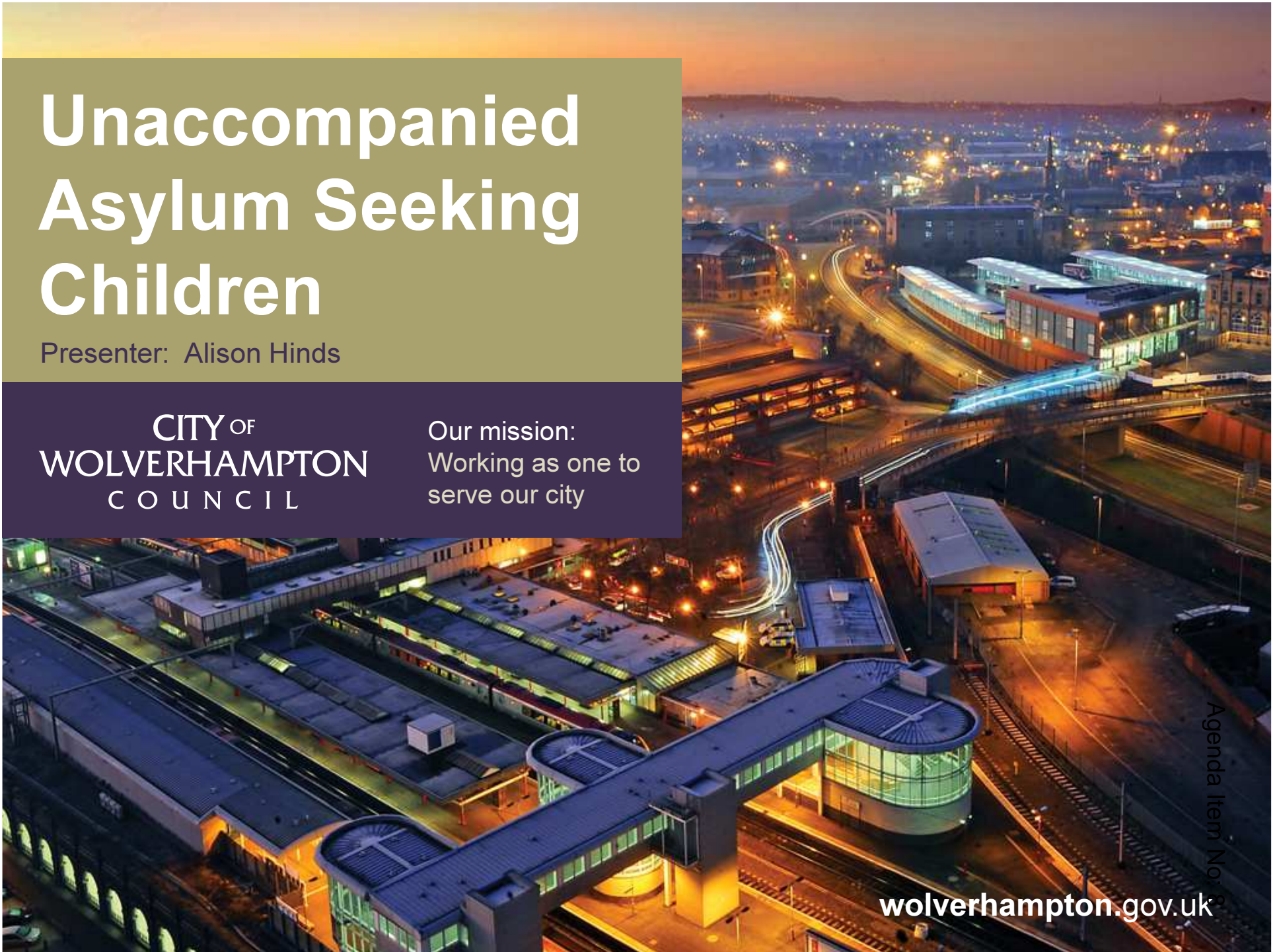
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Working as one to  
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# Who is an unaccompanied asylum seeking child?

- The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees defines unaccompanied children as:

***“those who are separated from both parents and are not being cared for by an adult who by law or custom has responsibility to do so”***

*UNCHR (1994) Refugee Children: Guidelines of protection and care.*

# Why do unaccompanied children and young people seek asylum?

- A Case file audit of 100 unaccompanied young people in London carried out by Thomas et al (2004) found that the main motives of fleeing were due to:
  - The death or persecution of family members
  - The persecution of the young person
  - Forced recruitment
  - War
  - Being trafficked
  - Educational purposes where schools at home had closed down

# How have unaccompanied asylum seeking children arrived in Wolverhampton?

- Unplanned arrivals: young people arriving wither by being found or self-presenting
- Planned moves: via National Transfer Scheme. LA to support other LAs who are more overwhelmed with unaccompanied asylum seeking children e.g. Kent

(0.07% of child population) – 41 children

# **Wolverhampton has supported 6 children through NTS or voluntary support to other Authorities**

- 5 young people from Kent
- 1 young person from London Borough of Ealing
- 1 further place under NTS by end of March 2017

# Total numbers of unaccompanied asylum seeking children in the care of Wolverhampton City Council

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Nationality	Male	Grand Total
South African	2	2
Zimbabwean	1	1
Ethiopian	1	1
Sudanese	1	1
Iranian	1	1
Iraqi	1	1
Egyptian	1	1
Vietnamese	1	1
Grand Total	9	9

*[Position at end of November 2016]*



# Placements at The Royal School Wolverhampton

- 6 young people placed who are:
  - Achieving well academically
  - Representing the school in sports events regionally or locally
  - Engaging in local community activities
  - Developing positive relationships with other students
  - Receiving good support from Social Worker and partner agencies
  - Excellent support from Headteacher and staff

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