

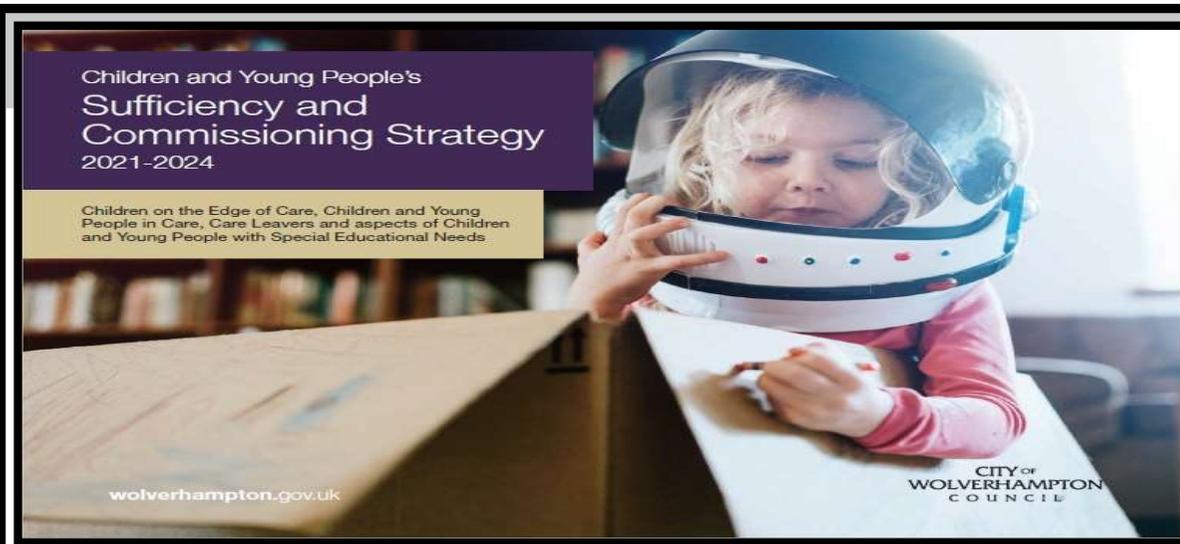
Select Committee: Wolverhampton Pound Children's Commissioning: The role it can play in meeting our strategic priorities

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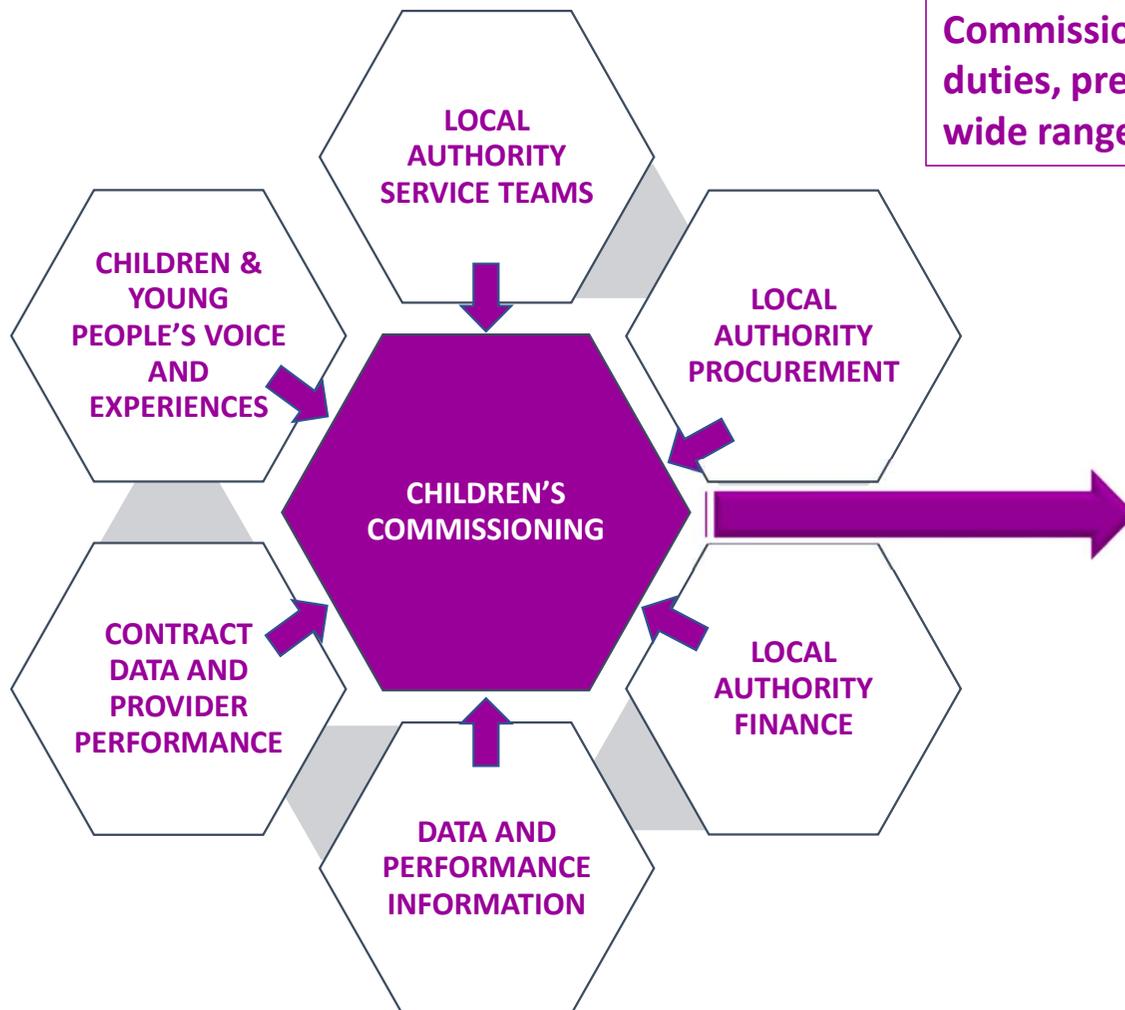
Children's Commissioning in Wolverhampton

Early Intervention, Specialist support services, and Restorative practice are our approaches to supporting people at the right time at the right level and to help us strengthen families where children are at risk.

- Children's Commissioners cover;
 - Social Care Services and Contracts
 - Residential Provision and Contracts
 - Foster Care Provision and Contracts
 - Early Help Services
 - Supported Accommodation
 - SEND Placements and Services
 - Short Breaks
 - Outreach
 - Resource Bases and SEN Units
 - Early Years places and providers
 - Provider management



Children's Commissioning as a strategic hub



Commissioning acts as a hub to understand the duties, pressures, needs and experiences of a wide range of teams and service users

OUTPUTS

- Commission the most **cost effective services**
- **Understand conflicting priorities** and needs and brokers collective understanding of why decisions are taken
- **Overseas value for money** through initial commissioned service and also through contract management
- Acts as a hub and is **best placed to advise** senior leaders on emerging needs and issues, and **supports long term planning**

Different levels of commissioning

STRATEGIC COMMISSIONING

Long Term Planning

We will know what we want, when we will need it, and how we can get it for best value.

We will be leaders in prevention and innovation.

We will be brave commissioners willing to try new approaches

SERVICE PERFORMANCE

Service Reviews will be embedded into our continuous improvement

We will know the value and performance of ALL services

CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

Contracts will be managed appropriately, early actions taken to address underperformance

Contracted providers will feel supported by the whole system. A shared responsibility for success

- **STRATEGIC COMMISSIONING**

Having oversight of the other levels means commissioners can identify emerging needs and gaps. This allows for longer term planning, including being well prepared for tendering and contract end dates.

- **SERVICE LEVEL COMMISSIONING**

Commissioners can amalgamate contract and performance data in service areas and undertake reviews that are holistic and integrated

- **CONTRACT MANAGEMENT**

This level is for Commissioning Officers as routine Business As Usual Commissioning, Procurement and Provider management.

How Children's Commissioning can support Council Plans

Understand our **children and young peoples needs**, and commission the right service at the right time with a focus upon early years, prevention and early help. Integrated Commissioning in structures and processes.

Plan for key transition stages and ensure that our Children and Young People in care and with SEN reach their fullest potential and work with employers to help them understand the benefits they bring to the workplace

Market engagement and provider development to create locally based providers of choice.

Work with Wolverhampton Homes on Supported Accommodation services

Joint Commissioning with the CCG and Public Health

Place renewable contractual targets and KPIs into commissioned services

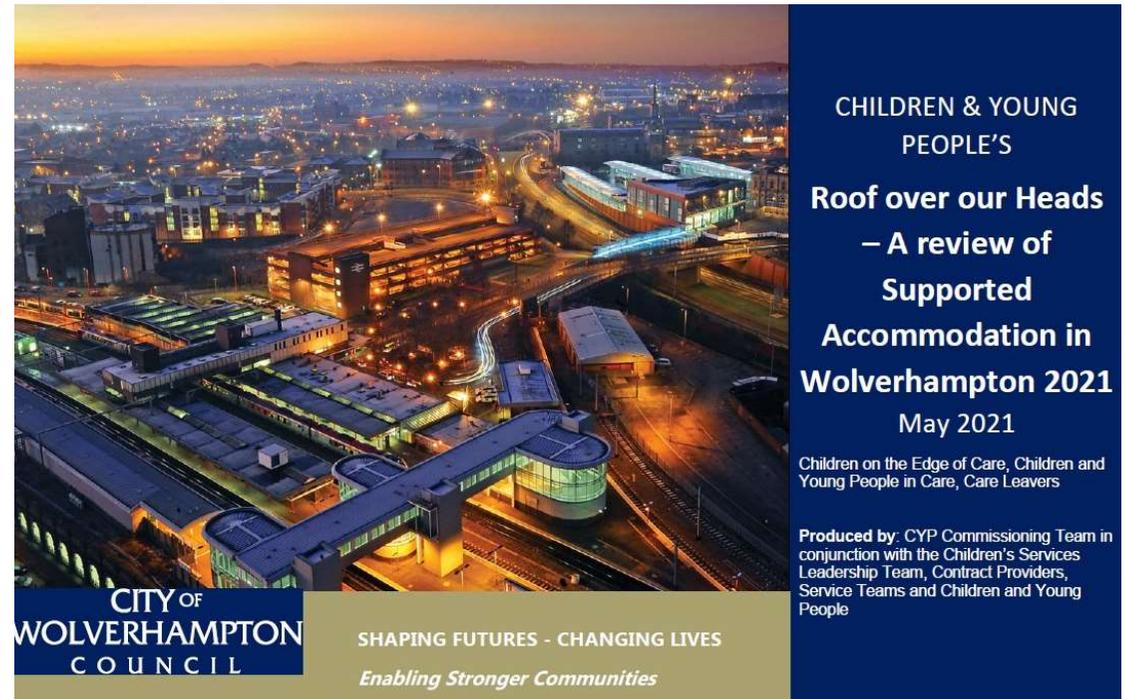


A CASE STUDY FOR REVIEW APPROACH

“A Roof Over Our Heads” Supported Accommodation Review

The “Roof over our Heads’ review of Supported Accommodation in Wolverhampton was led by the Children’s Commissioning Team and has sought to take **a broader more collaborative look at Supported Housing for Our Young People** in the City of Wolverhampton.

Although in part, the catalyst for the review was undertaken due to an existing contract coming to a natural end, Commissioners wanted to use the review as an opportunity to look both **externally (and internally)**, and to understand the existing systems, processes and interfaces that are a feature of supported accommodation at Wolverhampton.



Requested Support from the Select Committee

Commissioners wish to support the Relighting Our City Recovery Plan and make two requests for support, advice and engagement from this select committee and its wider partners

MARKET ENGAGEMENT & LOCALLY BASED PROVIDERS



- We are currently reliant on large national and regional providers who can demand high cost placements and services that do not meet value for money requirements.
- Across Children's Services (including SEND) we wish to secure locally based providers who understand our city and our children and young people.

PRIVATE RENTED MARKET

- The vast majority of our care leavers and those leaving supported accommodation are reliant on the social housing market and Wolverhampton homes.
- We wish to embrace and work with the private rented sector to increase the offer and quality of secure tenancies for our children and young people.