

# COUNCIL MEETING 27 May 2021

#### **CARE LEAVERS COVENANT**

## **Sheena Ramsey, Chief Executive**

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1. This report is to seek approval for the Care Leavers Covenant and to further develop work with Spectra First, to benefit Gateshead's Care Leavers by becoming a trailblazer Local Authority.
- 2. The Care Leavers Covenant is funded by the Department for Education and delivered by Spectra First, aimed to support young people leaving care to become independent and improve their outcomes.
- 3. The Cabinet has considered the facts and issues arising from the report including alternative options and took all relevant advice before formulating their recommendation.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

- 4. It is recommended that Council:
  - (i) Endorses the Care Leavers Covenant
  - (ii) Agrees that the Council signs up to be a trailblazer organisation.