



Short break services for children, young people and their families

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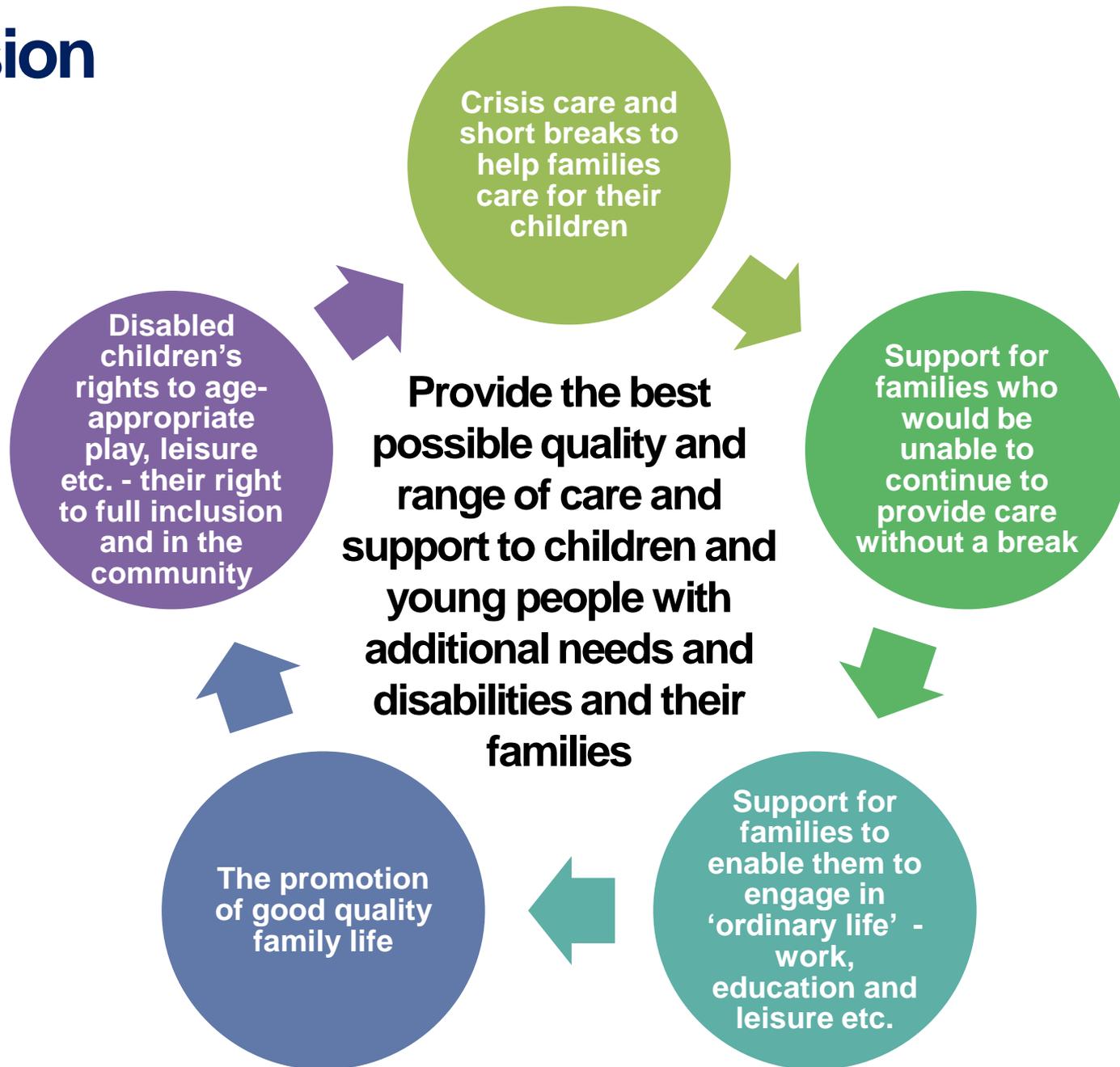
North Tyneside Council

Introduction

- **Welcome and thank you**
- **Our aim today:**
 - Share our thinking and thoughts with you
 - Make clear the proposal and why
 - Listen to your views
 - Ensure everyone leaves the room with the same information
 - Ensure you know what will and will not, happen next
- **Approach – around 15 mins of information and then an open discussion**



Vision



Background (1)

You've already told us:

- Residential short breaks are vital to you but you also need a wide range of options to support your caring role

Since early 2017, we've been working on this:

- Parent Carer Forum marketplace events - short breaks, (May 2017)
- Sport and leisure offer marketplace (Oct 2017)
- Co-production meetings with parent/carers – Local Offer session (May 18)
- Direct Payments offer
- Reviewing outreach and homecare provision
- Refreshed the Short Break Statement – (May 18)



Background (2)

- **We have been monitoring the use of Heatherfield Mews and Addison Street:**
 - Use declining – currently 65% across both sites
 - Current position not sustainable
- **Not the preferred option by Ofsted**
- **Thinking about our long term ambition, based on:**
 - What we know about need now and in the future
 - What you and other parents / carers tell us is important



Where we are now

- **We believe a state of the art, purpose built short break accommodation service is needed for North Tyneside:**
 - This would support the wider vision
 - Would meet both current and future need
- **We've had several attempts to find monies to deliver this but to date, not successful – but are still committed to this aim**
- **The current position of running both Heatherfield Mews and Addison Street with short break services, is not sustainable**
- **That's why we're here today – to propose a change with you**



The proposal

- **All Local Authority overnight short breaks to be delivered at Addison Street:**
 - This would continue until such time as we are able to deliver a purpose built service
- **There would be no change to your current allocated nights**
- **Additional benefits:**
 - Ability to use Heatherfield Mews for residential placements
 - Better transport / community access
 - More flexibility on requested stays
 - Better fit for purpose building



Is this really a proposal?

- **Yes** – it's our current proposed solution to the current situation
- It has been agreed that the current position is not sustainable, so **no change is not an option**, however, there may be other options we have not thought of
- We want your views on this today
- We're keeping this proposal open until 30 April 2019 – no changes or decisions will be made before this date.



What would happen next?

- If the proposal is NOT agreed, we would work on other options and begin consultation with you and others from June 19
- If the proposal is agreed, all short break provision would be delivered from Addison Street by September 19
- Your social worker would work with you, on individual transition arrangements



Enough from us, over to you...

- **What do you think of the proposal?**
 - Do you think there are other solutions we have not considered?
- **What could we do to minimise any negative impact / disruption on you and your children during the change?**
- **Any other questions / comments?**

