

CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 5
21 MARCH 2018	PUBLIC REPORT

Report of:	Executive Director People and Communities Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Councils	
Cabinet Member(s) responsible:	Councillor Sam Smith, Cabinet Member for Children's Services.	
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CHILDREN IN CARE COUNCIL UPDATE: YOU ASKED WE DID

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
FROM: Nicola Curley Assistant Director Children's Services	Deadline date: N/A
<p>It is recommended that the Corporate Parenting Committee</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes the content of the report. 2. Raise any queries they have with the lead officers. 	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 This report is submitted to each formal and informal Corporate Parenting Committee.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

2.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update from the Children in Care Council.

2.2 This report is presented under the Corporate Parenting Committee's Terms of Reference,

2.4.3.1 To act as advocates for looked after children and care leavers.

2.4.3.6 To monitor the quality of care delivered by the City Council and review the performance of outcomes for children and young people in care.

(a) Raise the profile of the needs of looked after children and care leavers through a range of actions including through the organising of celebratory events for the recognition of achievement.

(b) Ensure that leisure, cultural, further education and employment opportunities are offered and taken up by our looked after children and care leavers.

(c) Promote the development of participation and ensure that the view of children and young people are regularly heard through the Corporate Parenting Committee to improve educational, health and social outcomes to raise aspiration and attainments.

(d) Hold meetings with children and young people in care, frontline staff and foster carers to inform the committee of the standards of care and improvement outcomes for looked after children.

2.3 This links to the Children in Care Pledge under:

1. **Respect** - We will respect you as individuals, with differing wants, needs and beliefs and tailor the service you get to fit you.

3. **TIMESCALES**

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	N/A
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4. **BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES**

4.1 As part of our commitment to celebrating the achievements of children in care, we led the organisation and delivery of a family fun day on 12th February. One hundred guests attended the event at the Fleet Community Centre, Fletton, which was targeted specifically to younger children, at their request. There has been excellent feedback from children and foster carers who all have said what a fantastic time they had.

4.2 To celebrate the achievements of older young people in care, an evening awards dinner was held on 15th February, we were pleased that 35 young people in care and care leavers attended the event at the deaf blind uk conference centre. This was also a great success and young people have spoken very positively about the change in format with a number of young people expressing an interest in joining the children in care council following discussions with staff at the event.

4.3 Over the last month the children in care council have agreed their work programme for the coming year which is looking at the following topics:

- Foster Carer Training, (young people will identify training needs and develop training for foster carers that they will deliver);
- Moving on, (housing support and setting up home grants for those leaving foster care); and
- Transitioning from Childrens to adults social care for young people with SEND.

4.4 We will be looking at the best way to take these topics forward and how to engage the wider CiC population in the discussions around these topics.

5. **CONSULTATION**

5.1 This report was completed in consultation with members of the Children in Care Council.

6. **ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT**

6.1 Improved engagement with Children in Care and Care Leavers.

7. **REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

7.1 N/A

8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

8.1 None

9. **IMPLICATIONS**

Financial Implications

9.1 None

Legal Implications

9.2 None

Equalities Implications

9.3 None

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

10.1 N/A

11. APPENDICES

11.1 None

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