

<b>CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE</b>	AGENDA ITEM No. 7
<b>18 JULY 2018</b>	<b>PUBLIC REPORT</b>

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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## FOSTER CARERS FORUM UPDATE

RECOMMENDATIONS	
<b>FROM:</b> Chair of Foster Carer Forum	<b>Deadline date:</b> N/A
<p>It is recommended that Corporate Parenting Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note and consider the report and update provided by the Foster Carer Forum representatives.</li> </ol>	

### 1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report is submitted to the Corporate Parenting Committee inline with a regular updated provided to Members.

### 2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 2.1 Corporate Parenting Committee wish to receive an update at formal committee meetings of discussions and actions from the Foster Carers forum.
- 2.2 This report is being presented under the Corporate Parenting Committee Terms of Reference: 2.4.4.2 To receive statutory reports in relation to the adoption, fostering, commissioning, looked after children services and children's homes with a view to recommending any changes.
- 2.3 This links into all areas of the children in care pledge.

### 3. TIMESCALES

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

- 4.1 Members of the Council, managers, staff and carers all have a responsibility to make sure the Pledge to Children in Care is embraced and fulfilled. We see this as our highest priority for children in care.
- 4.2 The Corporate Parenting Committee has a crucially important role in making sure that this

happens and the business of the Committee should be constructed to help the Committee deliver its responsibilities in this regard.

## **5. CONSULTATION**

5.1 Foster Carers.

## **6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT**

6.1 For Members of the Committee to be kept up to date with activities and the outcome of Foster Carer Forum.

## **7. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

7.1 N/A

## **8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

8.1 Not to provide Members with an update. This option was rejected as it would be against the Committee's terms of reference.

## **9. IMPLICATIONS**

### **Financial Implications**

9.1 None

### **Legal Implications**

9.2 None

### **Equalities Implications**

9.3 None

### **Other Implications**

9.4 Receiving regular feedback from the Foster Carer Forum allows committee members to be informed of the care and support provided to children in care.

## **10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

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

10.1 None

## **11. APPENDICES**

11.1 None