

<b>CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE (FORMAL)</b>	AGENDA ITEM No. 5
<b>20 NOVEMBER 2019</b>	<b>PUBLIC REPORT</b>

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## YOUTH VOICE COORDINATOR for CICC

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

### 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, 2.4.4.1 To act as advocates for looked after children and care leavers.

2.4.4.6 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.
5. **Listen** – We will support you to have a voice in your care plan and make sure you are listened to. We will ensure you know how to make a complaint or compliment about your care. You will have access to advocacy support to do this if wanted.

### 3. **TIMESCALES**

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	<b>NO</b>
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### 4. **BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES**

- 4.1 Children in Care Council have been working on their Coming into Care welcome packs for young people. They are currently in the process of raising funds to cover the costs of these and have approached local businesses for support. They hope to have initial packs ready for review by January 2019 although this may be impacted by funding and staffing.
- 4.2 In September we said goodbye to Alice Prosser the Children in Care participation worker and are currently awaiting sign off to recruit to her post. We are ensuring that the Children in Care youth club and Children in Care council still run during this transition period and have been supported by staff from with the Quality Assurance and Safeguarding team to keep these going.
- 4.3 In November 2019 we say goodbye to Jenny Weeden the Youth Voice Coordinator for the council, this role is not currently being recruited to, although there will be some support for the Children in Care Council going forward from the newly appointed Integrated Communities Youth Voice Worker who will be starting in post shortly.
- 4.4 Young People have told us through their “Top Tips” how important goodbyes are to them so we have written to all young people in care with a message from both Jenny and Alice to say their goodbyes as well as holding goodbye sessions at youth club and Children in Care Council to allow young people and staff the opportunity to have a proper goodbye. This has been well received by young people and we are already working with them on what they would like to see in their new worker so that they can be fully involved in the recruitment process.

### 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 There are no changes required.

### 9. **IMPLICATIONS**

#### **Financial Implications**

- 9.1 There are no financial implications.

#### **Legal Implications**

- 9.2 There are no legal implications, as the report is for information only.

## **Equalities Implications**

- 9.3 Participation is an essential service for children in care and care leavers and this report demonstrates the level of participation in various events and activities.

## **Any Other Relevant Implications**

- 9.4 Children in Care have a direct voice at a formal level and are able to influence Council decision making.

## **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 N/A

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