

<b>CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE</b>	AGENDA ITEM No. 4
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## **Report of the Corporate Director People and Communities**

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### **CHILDREN IN CARE COUNCIL UPDATE**

#### **1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To provide an update from the Children in Care Council on discussion had at the Informal Corporate Parenting Committee on 5 October.
- 1.2 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. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to consider and note the update.

#### **3. LINK TO THE CHILDREN IN CARE PLEDGE**

- 3.1 This falls under Priorities 2 Effective Care Planning; 3 Placement stability and range of high quality placement provision; 6 Being part of a community.

#### **4. BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 Members of the Children in Care Council now attend the informal Corporate Parenting Committee and use this as a forum to discuss issues and concerns. Their views are then shared at the formal Corporate Parenting Committee by Jenny Weeden Youth Engagement and Participation Officer.

#### **5. KEY ISSUES**

- 5.1 None

**6. IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 N/A

**7. CONSULTATION**

7.1 With members of Children in Care Council.

**8. NEXT STEPS**

8.1 To be noted.

**9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

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

9.1 None.

**10. APPENDICES**

10.1 Appendix 1 - Update on the actions raised by CiCC at the informal Corporate Parenting Committee meeting.