

CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 8
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Report of the Corporate Director People and Communities

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ADOPTION REPORT: 2015 - 2016

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 Corporate Parenting Committee want to see a regular report and to be reassured that children and young people are being listened to and are influencing their care plans wherever possible.
- 1.2 This report is being presented under the Corporate Parenting Committee Terms of Reference: 2.4.3.2 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. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Committee are asked to note and consider the findings of the report.

3. LINK TO THE CHILDREN IN CARE PLEDGE

- 3.1 This falls under the Priorities;
 - 1. Effective care planning; and
 - 2. Placement stability and range of high quality placement provision.

4. BACKGROUND

- 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.

5. KEY ISSUES

- 5.1 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 Panel deliver its responsibilities in this regard.

6. IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The purpose of the service is to increase the number of children in care who achieve permanence through adoption, Special Guardianship Orders or placement with family and friends.

7. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 N/A

8. NEXT STEPS

8.1 To note.

9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

9.1 N/A

10. APPENDICES

10.1 Appendix 1 - Adoption Report 2015 - 2016