

CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 5
8 NOVEMBER 2017	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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FOSTER CARERS FORUM UPDATE

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: The Foster Carer Forum	Deadline date: <i>Enter relevant date for action – e.g. date of report to another body/meeting</i>
<p>It is recommended that Corporate Parenting Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Note and consider the report and update provided by the Foster Carer Forum representatives. 	

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: 2.4.3.2 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.
- 2.3 This links into all areas of the children in care pledge.

3. TIMESCALES

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	N/A
Date for relevant Council meeting	N/A	Date for submission to Government Dept.	N/A

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.

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

Foster Carers.

6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

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

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

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