

CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 6
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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UPDATE FROM CHILDREN IN CARE COUNCIL

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
FROM: Nicola Curley Assistant Director	Deadline date: N/A
<p>It is recommended that the Corporate Parenting Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes the content of the report. • Raise any queries they have with the lead officers. 	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 This report is submitted to each formal 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,

2.4.3.1 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.

2.4 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.

3. TIMESCALES

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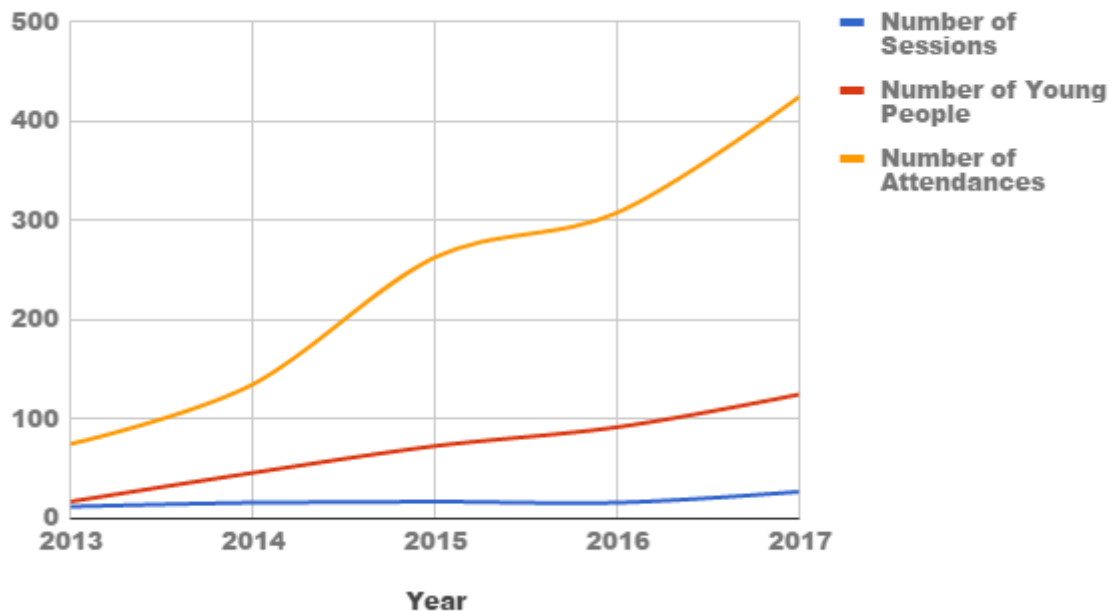
4. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

4.1 Summer Delivery Breakdown:

This summer saw an increase in delivery yet again, but we were surprised by the large increase in attendances as 16 of the sessions were more intensive opportunities attended by only 4-6 young people.

Year	Number of Sessions	Number of Young People	Number of Attendances
2013	12	17	75
2014	16	46	135
2015	17	73	263
2016	16	92	308
2017	27	125	425

Children in care summer activities



4.2 Children in Care Council have had lots of new inquiries following the summer, and we are expecting to welcome 6 new members across the two groups in the next few weeks, which is a combination of children in charge attendees stepping up into Children in Care Council and new young people from summer activities.

4.3 The Children in Care Council have started an important new piece of work alongside TACT to create a simple profile for young people and foster carers that shares their information before a placement, and we are getting our youth club members involved in this too.

4.4 Care Leavers have been working on a film project to share their experiences of leaving care and moving out, this is currently being edited but it is hoped this will be ready to share during Care Leavers week 25th October - 3rd November 2017. We hope to share this with the corporate parenting committee at the informal meeting in January.

4.5 Following last year's request for a Christmas party for our older young people we have booked a meal for all of our Children in Care Council and Children in Charge members before Christmas.

4.6 Planning is well underway for next year's awards event, with the preferred date being 15th February 2018 and we hope to confirm this ASAP.

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 None

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 N/A

11. APPENDICES

11.1 None

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