

CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 6
21 NOVEMBER 2018	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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CHILDREN IN CARE COUNCIL UPDATE
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RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: Nicola Curley Assistant Director Children's Services	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 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.

3. **TIMESCALES**

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

- 4.1 The Children in Care Council continues to meet on a monthly basis and has now completed their short video as part of a piece of work they have been involved in from the regional Children in Care Council network. It is hoped that it will be ready to share across the region in February 2019.
- 4.2 Following the action for the Children in Care Council from the September informal Corporate Parenting meeting we have requested and received from Ofsted the young people's summary of inspection. The Chair of the Children in Care Council has written a letter to accompany this which will be sent out to all children in care shortly.
- 4.3 Work is well underway for the Children in Care awards events, and young people have been involved in evaluating and making recommendations for improvements for the 2019 awards events. Nomination forms have been circulated to all staff and we are already starting to collate awards. This process also allows staff to identify if a monthly award is needed as well as highlighting achievements for the annual awards event. Dates and details for both events will be circulated to all committee members in due course.
- 4.4 The Children in Charge youth group has welcomed 3 new members with the regular attendance of 10 young people and this continues to meet every two weeks, with young people taking an active role in planning future sessions. They are currently planning their Christmas party and would like to invite members to attend. Dates and details will be circulated.
- 4.5 The Children in Care Participation worker, Alice Prosser, is now supporting the Care Leavers drop in that is run by Rights Resolution and through building relationships with young people at the drop in here, has generated renewed interest in attending the Children in Care Council by a number of care leavers.
- 4.6 The participation worker also recently accompanied two care leavers to attend an event in Birmingham held by the National Care Leavers Benchmarking Forum. This was an excellent opportunity to share good practice and explore key themes for Care Leavers and will help to inform some of our own work going forward. One of the key areas of work we will be progressing, in conjunction with the new apprentice resource worker in TACT, will be consulting with young people on creating a passport to independence resource with workshops and training to support young people's development and readiness for independent living.

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 *List here alternative options considered and rejected and reasons for rejection. Do not leave this section blank or put 'None' - this is not acceptable as these options will need to be included*

in any subsequent decision notice published. The status quo is an alternative option to address even if there are no others to report.

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 60 demonstrates the level of participation in various events and activities.

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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