

<b>CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM No. 5</b>
<b>20 MARCH 2019</b>	<b>PUBLIC REPORT</b>

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**

<b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	
<b>FROM:</b> Nicola Curley Assistant Director Children's Services	<b>Deadline date:</b> N/A
<p>It is recommended that the Corporate Parenting Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Notes the content of the report.</li> </ul>	

### **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 and to allow the Committee to raise any queries they have with lead officers

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?	<b>NO</b>	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	N/A
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### 4. **BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES**

- 4.1 The Children in Care Council has recently carried out a review of their last year.
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- Children in Charge Youth club runs every other week for Children in Care aged 8-12 and it is regularly attended by an average of 10 young people. 7 members met with Ofsted at the last inspection and were able to share all the activities they have been up to very articulately.
- 4.3
- Children in Care Council continues to meet on a monthly basis and has 8 regular members, in the last 12 months they have:
    - Met with young people from across the eastern region to develop a short film of 10 top tips for social workers
    - Given feedback to the IROs on their review paperwork
    - Planned and delivered the annual celebration events for children in care
    - Spoken at Corporate Parenting committee about their experiences in different placements.
    - Written to all children in care to share the Ofsted report.
- 4.4
- The CiC Summer Activity Programme was delivered to 122 individual young people over 12 sessions with 363 attendances recorded. In addition to this 20 young people who are in care participated in the National Citizen Service program over the summer.
- 4.5
- The Children in Care Celebration events were attended by over 90 Children in Care over the February half term. With all children receiving recognition for their achievements over the last 12 months.
- 4.6 Going Forward
- Children in Care Council have planned two consultation events for young people over the Easter break which will help inform their work plan for 2019/20 which they hope to share at the next informal corporate parenting committee.

### 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 There are no changes required.

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

### **Other Implications**

- 9.4 Children in Care have a direct voice at a formal level and are able to influence council decision making.

## **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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