

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

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. 	

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 views 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 improve 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	
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4. **BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES**

4.1 The Children in Care Council has identified their key areas of work for the next year:

- 4.1.1
- Create “Welcome to Care” packs for young people coming into care in Peterborough in 4 age groups; 5-8yrs, 8-12yrs, 12-15yrs and 15+. This will be a big piece of work for the group and they have agreed tasks to make this happen;
 - Fundraising/asking for donations.
 - identifying what each pack should contain.
 - Creating a game/activity for young people to play in their placement which will help with settling in.
 - Developing a process for getting pack to young people.

It is hoped that the first packs will be ready to go out to young people by January 2020.

- Carry out a survey of young people’s views on the Children in Care Pledge and whether it is being upheld.
 - Short survey developed by the Children in Care Council and the Children in Care participation worker to be completed by young people attending summer activities.
 - Results to be collated and shared at next Formal Corporate Parenting Committee meeting.

4.2 Other Areas of work; In addition to the work of the Children in Care Council there are a number of other areas the Children in Care Participation Worker and Youth Voice Coordinator will be focussing on, including:

- Delivering a summer of activity for young people in care to;
 - support placements over the summer period.
 - build engagement with young people to encourage future involvement in the Children in Care Council and Children in Charge youth club.
- Supporting the Leaving Care team to develop a regular drop in session for care leavers.
- Working with Foster Carers to develop support and guidance in preparing young people with Skills for Life.
- Working with managers to identify upcoming opportunities for meaningful engagement with Children and Young people in service development.

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 none.

Legal Implications

9.2 There are none.

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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