

<b>CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE</b>	AGENDA ITEM No. 10
<b>17 JULY 2019</b>	<b>PUBLIC REPORT</b>

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## CHILDREN IN CARE & CARE LEAVERS STRATEGY REVIEW

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
<b>FROM:</b> Executive Director People and Communities	<b>Deadline date:</b> N/A
<p>It is recommended that Corporate Parenting Committee members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Note the work being undertaken to review the current Children in Care &amp; Care Leavers Strategy; and</li> <li>2. Offer any comments regarding the content of the Children in Care &amp; Care Leavers strategy being drafted for adoption.</li> </ol>	

### 1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 Corporate Parenting Committee formally endorsed the Children in Care and Care Leavers Strategy in 2016. The report seeks comment from Members in respect to the current strategy and make any suggestions or comments for the strategy renewal.

### 2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

2.1 The Children in Care and Care Leavers Strategy is currently being reviewed. This report is to share information with Corporate Parenting Committee members.

2.2 This report is for Corporate Parenting Committee to consider under its Terms of Reference No. 2.4.4.3 Ensure that the needs of looked after children and care leavers are addressed through key plans, policies and strategies throughout the Council overseeing interagency working arrangements.

2.3 This links to 2.6 of the Corporate Priorities.

2.4 The strategy will directly link to the Children in Care pledge and Care Leavers Charter as this will be part of the strategy.

### 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 Current strategy is due to expire at the end of this year. Therefore this is being revised.

4.2 However, the Children in Care Board recognises that the last 3 years since the previous one was written a lot has changed and improved. With that in mind the board plans to do the following

- Involve children in care and care leavers from the outset of the strategy to ensure they are fully involved
- Ensure that the strategy links more closely with the corporate parenting committee
- Ensures the strategy links to the vision of Peterborough council and that of partners
- Develop a work plan from the strategy that will link to continuing to improve outcomes for all children in care.

4.3 A task and finish group has been established and has met once to date. we aim to have the 'new' strategy draft completed by September, to be ready for ratification purposes by the end of the year.

#### **5. CONSULTATION**

5.1 Children in care and care leavers.

#### **6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT**

6.1 Strategy will support and influence the priorities for the next 3 years for the CIC board and Committee as well as key partners commitment and offer.

#### **7. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

7.1 To ensure Corporate Parenting Committee members are informed and updated on changes to this document.

#### **8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

8.1 There has been consultation with children in care and care leavers regarding the format of this .

#### **9. IMPLICATIONS**

##### **Financial Implications**

9.1 *None*

##### **Legal Implications**

9.2 *Summarise here any legal implications related to this item and seek input from legal service.*

##### **Equalities Implications**

9.3 *Summarise here any equalities implications related to this.*

##### **Rural Implications** *[If this is not a report to a Scrutiny Committee, delete this line.]*

9.4 *Summarise here any rural implications related to this item.*

##### **Children in Care and Care Leavers**

9.5 This document relates to children and young people who are either in care, or care leavers and they are being consulted on this.

**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 Children in Care and Care Leavers Strategy 2016 - 2019

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