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| CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE | AGENDA ITEM No. 8 |
| 17 JULY 2019 | PUBLIC REPORT |

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| Report of: | Wendi Ogle-Welbourn, Executive Director People and Communities Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Councils | |
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| APPRENTICESHIP AND WORK OPPORTUNITIES FOR CARE LEAVERS UPDATE |
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| FROM: <i>Executive Director People and Communities</i> | Deadline date: N/A |
| <p>It is recommended that the corporate parenting committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the content of this report 2. Raise any queries with the lead officers 3. Make any recommendations | |

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 This report is submitted to the Corporate Parenting Committee following a request from the Members of the Committee

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

2.1 The purpose of this report is to update the committee of the position of Apprenticeships and Work Opportunities for Care Leavers in the City.

2.2 This report is for [Insert name of Committee] to consider under its Terms of Reference No. 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.

(b) Ensure that leisure, cultural, further education and employment opportunities are offered and taken up by our looked after children and care leavers.

2.3 *How does this report link to the Corporate Priorities?*

Corporate Parenting

2.4 *How does this report link to the Children in care Pledge?*

LAC and Leaving Care cohorts

3. **TIMESCALES**

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

This report is to update on the progress of supporting young people in care of care leavers towards sustainable education, training and employment, offering opportunity for career pathways

4.1 The Local Authority have now taken on their first LAC apprentice within the Serco Administration function.

4.2 There are currently no LAC or Care Leavers participating in Apprenticeships, however 95% of the cohort are studying in either further education or sixth form. Other outcomes include, jobs with training, traineeships, other work-based learning and part-time work.

Children in Care

4.3 Based on Peterborough children placed within the City the cohort has risen from 58 to 60 with NEET up 5 to 19 young people (up from 24.1% to 31.7%). The number of young people with an unknown situation has remained at zero. Continued improvement in communication between the NEET and CSC teams is supporting the accuracy of this data

A NEET team link has been established for Children's Social Care, The Virtual School and Cross Keys Homes. It is hoped that this will lead to better and more timely support to young people in care and care leavers when they become NEET.

Care Leavers

4.4 Based on Peterborough children placed within the City the cohort has risen from 16 to 18 (May 2018 was 23 young people) with NEET rising from 5 to 6 so NEET is up from 31.2% to 33.3%. There is 1 young person in this cohort with an Unknown situation. All NEET care leavers have been followed up by the NEET team and offered support. The NEET team now track all children in care and care leavers until they are 21 years old.

City College Peterborough

4.5 The College continues to support both the LAC and Leaving Care cohorts. Currently there are:-

33 LAC, of which 25 are studying ESOL with a work experience placement and are unaccompanied minors. The remainder of learners are studying various vocational areas.

There are 4 Care Leavers who are completing programmes and work experience in Health and Social Care, Skills for Independence and Occupational Studies.

At the end of their programmes, City College will be seeking apprenticeships as the main progression route.

5. **CONSULTATION**

5.1 Consulting with Cllr Lynne Ayres

6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

6.1 Although there are some examples above of positive destinations and impact, there are still some areas to develop, these can be progressed by implementation of the following actions:-

- Continue to work with PCC HR to identify opportunities for apprenticeships and work experience
- Work with the cohort to identify their career aspirations
- Case study positive outcomes
- Further develop the local offer

7. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

7.1 To improve service provision to ensure to give our Looked after Children and Care leavers the best opportunity to develop their long-term career pathways.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

8.1 *None*

9. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

9.1 *None*

Legal Implications

9.2 *None*

Equalities Implications

9.3 This will allow progress towards supporting a vulnerable groups to long term sustainable education, training and work

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 *None*

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