

CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE (FORMAL)	AGENDA ITEM No. 7
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PEER REVIEW ACTION PLAN REVIEW REPORT

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
FROM: Myra O'Farrell	Deadline date: 25.11.19
<p>It is recommended that the Corporate Parenting Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the action plan from the Children in Care Peer Review July 2019 and 2. Raise any queries they have with lead officers 	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report is submitted to Corporate Parenting Committee following the peer review relating to children in care, Peterborough City Council.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to share the action plan from the peer review undertaken by a neighbouring local authority in the eastern region summer 2019.

This report is to inform the committee of how the service will implement the actions suggested to continue to improve outcomes for children in care and care leavers as a group in Peterborough following the peer review.

The action plan offers includes the activity to date since the peer review, with progress against the action plan, deadlines for completion that will be completed in 2020.

- 2.2 This report is for Corporate Parenting 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.

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 peer review was the first in children's services since the OFSTED Inspection in 2017. The purpose was to review the progress of corporate parenting since the judgement of 'good' was made. Hertfordshire LA reviewed the Corporate parenting service focusing on key lines of inquiry identified by Peterborough for consideration. These are highlighted within the action plan.

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 N/A.
5.2 None

6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

- 6.1 The peer review raised the issue of caseloads and management capacity as an area for senior officers to consider. This is being reviewed currently internally.

7. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 The recommendations are within the body of the action plan

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 8.1 CIC has considered the recommendations by the peer reviewers and is implementing these as it is recognised they will support positive improvement in delivery of the service as a whole.

9. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

- 9.1 At this time there are no identified financial implications.

Legal Implications

- 9.2 There are no legal implications to consider on this occasion

Equalities Implications

- 9.3 There are equality implications to consider within this report as this report does consider the specific needs of unaccompanied young people and how these could improve further when they become looked after within Peterborough.

Any Other Implications

- 9.4 This report and supporting documents has direct implications for children in care and care leavers. The purpose of the action plan is to implement the recommendations by a neighbouring LA who undertook a peer review of the service in the summer of 2019

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- 10.1 Action plan

11. APPENDICES

- 11.1 Appendix 1 – Action Plan

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