

CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE (FORMAL)	AGENDA ITEM No. 8
20 JULY 2022	PUBLIC REPORT

Report of:	Corporate Director People and Communities	
Cabinet Member(s) responsible:	Insert name and portfolio of Cabinet Member(s)	
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IRO ANNUAL REPORT 21-22

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: <i>Alison Bennett – Assistant Director, Safeguarding and Quality Assurance</i>	Deadline date: <i>N/A</i>
<p>It is recommended that The Corporate Parenting Committee:</p> <p>1. Members are asked to note the report and raise any queries with the lead officers</p>	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report is submitted to The Corporate Parenting Committee by the Safeguarding and Quality Assurance Department, Peterborough City Council (PCC) in line with annual requirements.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 2.1 a) The purpose of this report is to provide statutory review and analysis of the Independent Reviewing Service.
b) The report shall be presented to Members of the Corporate Parenting committee as requested 20th July for their work programme.
- 2.2 This report is for the corporate Parenting Committee to consider under its Terms of Reference 2.4.4.2 To receive statutory reports in relation to the adoption, fostering, commissioning, looked after children services and children's homes with a view to recommending any changes.
- 2.3 This links to all areas of the Children in Care Pledge and Care Leavers Charter.
Link to the Children in care Pledge

As above

3. TIMESCALES

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	N/A
Date for relevant Council meeting		Date for submission to Government Dept. <i>(Please specify which Government Dept.)</i>	

4. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

4.1 Executive Summary

This Children in Care Pledge and Care Leavers (IRO) report provides quantitative and qualitative evidence in relation to the IRO service in Peterborough as required by Statutory guidance. This report covers the period from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.

The key highlights of this report are:

- The number of children in care fell by 20 this year (from 364 at the end of March 2021 to 344 at the end of March 2022)
- A total of 933 Child in Care Reviews were held this year
- Timeliness of Reviews continues to be excellent at 99.7%
- The IROs Escalation Protocol continues to be fully embedded across the service.

The report concludes with the highlights of the IRO Service for 2021/22 and outlines areas for further development for 2022/23.

Members of the Committee are invited to consider the full report attached as Appendix A

5. CONSULTATION

5.1 Parents, carers and children were consulted as part of the review process

5.2 As contained within objectives for 2022-23, improved access to feedback forms maximising consultation

6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

6.1 To ensure there is a more robust approach to supporting the experiences of children and young people in order to improve their lives.

7. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

7.1 Statutory requirement

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

8.1 N/A

9. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

9.1 *None*

Legal Implications

9.2 *None*

Equalities Implications

9.4 *None*

Carbon Impact Assessment

9.5 *The assessment deemed Neutral.*

Other Relevant Implications

9.6 *Child Care Reviews are held for all children in care.*

The purpose of the Child in Care Review is to bring together the child, parents, carers and other professionals to plan for the child and review the Care Plan. This ensures that everything that needs to be done to enable children to achieve the best outcomes and not drift in the care system is identified and being undertaken.

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 Appendix A – Annual IRO Report

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