

<b>CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE</b>	AGENDA ITEM No. 10
<b>23 NOVEMBER 2022</b>	<b>PUBLIC REPORT</b>

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## **PERFORMANCE DATA FOR CHILDREN IN CARE AND CARE LEAVERS September 2022**

<b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	
<b>FROM:</b> Nicola Curley, Director of Children's Services	<b>Deadline date:</b> N/A
<p>It is recommended that members of Corporate Parenting Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Note the content of the report, and</li> <li>2. Raise any questions with the lead officer</li> </ol>	

### **1. ORIGIN OF REPORT**

- 1.1 This report is submitted to Corporate Parenting Committee to each formal and informal committee as part of the standing work programme item in relation to performance.

### **2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT**

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Corporate Parenting Committee in respect of the numbers of children and young people being looked after by the Council as of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 providing a breakdown of the types of homes in which they are living in. The report also provides information about the age, gender and ethnicity of those children and young people.
- 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.

The purpose of this report is to provide background information relating to key performance information related to the Corporate Parenting scorecard and should be read in conjunction with this. The report is for the November Formal Corporate Parenting committee, 23 November 2022.

### **2.3 Link to the Corporate Priorities:**

1. Our Places & Communities
  - Places and Safety (including any rural implications)
  - Lives and Work
  - Health and Wellbeing
2. Prevention, Independence & Resilience
  - Educations and Skills for All
  - Adults

- Children

2.4 This reports to the Children in Care Pledge by focussing on the placements for children in care and care leavers.

### 3. **TIMESCALES**

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

4.1 At 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 there were:

125 children placed with in house foster carers.

114 children placed with agency foster carers outside of the city boundaries. These agencies work with the council to provide foster placements on a contractual basis.

1 post-16 were living in semi-independent accommodation, who have an allocated social worker and a personal adviser. The focus is preparation for adulthood.

25 children were placed with family or friends (connected persons). These carers are formally assessed in the same way that in house foster carers are assessed and are presented to the Fostering panel for approval through the same process and standard. They are supported through the foster carer allowance.

5 children are currently living with their parents but are still considered to be 'looked after' because they are subject to full care orders. The Council is sharing parental responsibility with the birth parent. Such placements are made when there is a plan for reunification.

11 children are currently placed for adoption.

1 child is placed in residential educational placements.

72 children are placed in residential provision. These placements are most usually made when it is clear that foster care is not sufficient to meet the child or young person's needs. Residential care is nearly always accessed by the Adolescents Team and only used for younger children in very special circumstances. These are reviewed regularly to ensure children can step down to a foster placement when they are ready.

### 5. **CONSULTATION**

5.1 N/A

### 6. **CORPORATE PARENTING CHAMPIONS FEEDBACK AND NEXT STEPS**

6.1 Nothing to report

### 7. **ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT**

7.1 This is an accurate report of the current accommodation placements for children in care and care leavers.

### 8. **REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

8.1 The data included in this report is from the monthly performance report which includes live data.

### 9. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

9.1 None

## **10. IMPLICATIONS**

### **Financial Implications**

10.1 None

### **Legal Implications**

10.2 None as this report is for information purposes.

### **Equalities Implications**

10.3 The current recruitment campaign for foster carers is focussed on increasing placements for specific groups linked to sibling placement, older children and Link carer for children with disabilities.

### **Carbon Impact Assessment**

There are no recommendations made within this report and therefore there are no implications to carbon emissions.

### **Children in Care Implications**

This report relates to all children in care.

## **11. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

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

11.1 Monthly Performance Report

## **12. APPENDICES**

12.1 Appendix 1 – Performance Report September 2022

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