

Update on the Implementation of Commitments regarding the Pledge for Children in Care 2017/18

SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Pledge is a promise made by Derby City Council to all children in their care. The Pledge is part of Derby's commitment to give children in their care the best opportunities they can have in life.

Since the launch of the new Pledge in January 2016 significant progress has been made by departments in developing, improving and embedding services for children in care.

- 1.2 The Corporate Parenting Committee has worked hard to ensure that the whole Council is fully committed to the Pledge. To review progress and overview the Corporate Parenting Committee has received regular updates and monitored progress of each department's commitments.

- 1.3 For 2017/18 it has been agreed to continue with the Pledge events. An event was held on 11 July 2017 as well as a more recent Pledge event on 28 November 2017.

The Corporate Parenting Committee will undertake further progress monitoring of the Pledge commitments throughout 2018/19.

The Chair of Corporate Parenting Committee will provide a verbal update at the meeting from the 28 November 2017 event.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To receive the update
- 2.2 To note the progress made by the different Council departments and comment as appropriate.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 For Derby City Council to undertake its wider corporate parenting obligations and to ensure children in care are provided opportunities, support and services to help promote their development and well-being.
- 3.2 To ensure that the Corporate Parenting Committee is up to date with the progress made in relation to the commitments made.

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| SUPPORTING INFORMATION |
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- 4.1 Updates Report attached.

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| OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED |
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- 5.1 Non applicable

This report has been approved by the following officers:

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| IMPLICATIONS |
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Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 There will be financial implications for some of the commitments made. It is difficult to anticipate what these implications will be given based on the proposals. The commitments will need to be met within current resources.

Legal

- 2.1 There is legal duty for the authority to meet the needs of children and young people for whom it is the corporate parent. The Pledge reaffirms aspects of statutory duties that the LA has towards children in our care

Personnel

- 3.1 None arising from this report

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- 4.1 None arising from this report

Equalities Impact

- 5.1 The Pledge ensures that children in care are provided services, advice and support to meet their individual and collective needs.

Health and Safety

- 6.1 None arising from this report

Environmental Sustainability

- 7.1 None arising from this report

Property and Asset Management

- 8.1 None arising from this report

Risk Management

9.1 None arising from this report

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

10.1 The content of this report underpins the priority commitment, Protecting vulnerable children, young people, adults and older people. Making sure that we take action to safeguard vulnerable adults and children that require higher levels of support including; our looked after children and vulnerable adults with learning disabilities. This will involve early intervention and prevention wherever possible.