



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE
COMMISSION
15 March 2011**

ITEM 7

Report of the Strategic Director of Children &
Young People

THE DISCHARGE OF CORPORATE PARENTING RESPONSIBILITIES

SUMMARY

- 1.1 This paper sets out the proposals regarding governance of the Corporate Parenting agenda and Councillor involvement in the overview and scrutiny of issues relating to children in the care of Derby City Council. This is required under the Every Child Matters Agenda and in the Guidance to Lead Councillors and Directors of Children's Services 2008.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the proposal be accepted and:
- that all former Boards and Committees charged with Corporate Parenting responsibilities cease
 - that the Children and Young People's Commission become the constitutional structure, whereby the Council fulfils its responsibility to looked after children.
- 2.2 That the full Children and Young People's Commission, via its monthly meetings, take on the responsibility of the Corporate Parenting Board.
- 2.3 That Children in Care information papers, inspection reports, discussion documents should be submitted regularly as part of the total overview of the services and needs of children in Derby and that the Commission identify any areas of special interest and request they be reported to the panel as part of their role as corporate parents.
- 2.4 That the CYP Commission receives quarterly performance data regarding looked after children.
- 2.5 That the CYP Commission receives the regulatory reports required by Ofsted, i.e. the Fostering Agency Annual report, the Adoption Agency twice yearly reports and any other such formal reporting that is required by the Adoption Agency Regulations 2006 and the Fostering Regulations 2002.
- 2.6 That the Commission receives information relevant to their responsibilities for children in residential provision and other services offered directly to children in care – e.g. education; CAMHS etc.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 There is a constitutional requirement for the oversight of corporate parenting responsibilities so that councillors can discharge their responsibilities to children in care.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 The panel for Councillor involvement in Corporate Parenting was formerly the Corporate Parenting Sub-Commission. This was disbanded in order to create a Corporate Parenting Board, which would include the Cabinet Member and the Chair of the Children and Young Persons' Commission.
- 4.2 The former sub-commission was a very small group of Councillors – normally four in total – who received reports. The commission met bi-monthly.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 There are no other options to be considered.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

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