



Corporate Parenting Committee
21 February 2016

ITEM 10

Report of the Strategic Director of People
Services

Derby's Corporate Parenting Strategy 2015 – 2018

SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Derby Looked After Childrens Strategy 2015-2018 was discussed at DMT in January 2016 and received at the Corporate Parenting Committee on 23rd February 2016. As part of the review of Corporate Parenting in 2016 it was identified that the council needed to have a Corporate Parenting Strategy to align and underpin its work and that of the Corporate Parenting Committee. All the elements for a Corporate Parenting Strategy were already within The Derby Looked After Childrens Strategy, it was therefore agreed that a branding change would be made to this document for it to be recognised and accepted as the Council's Corporate Parenting Strategy.

The Corporate Parenting Strategy outlines the council's aspirations in how it will continue to develop services and meet the needs of the children and young people in its care. The strategy is for three years and aims to deliver the best outcomes for children and young people in care in Derby.

- 1.2 The strategy has been developed by the council and its partners and is underpinned by: the Derby Plan 2013-15, The Council Plan 2015 – 2018 and also supports the Children and Young People's Commissioning Service Plan 2015 - 2016
- 1.3 The vision of the Derby Corporate Parenting Strategy is simple; we would like our children and young people to have everything that all good parents want for their children. We want them to work with us, along with their parents and carers, in shaping how we manage and organise the planning, resources and services that support and care for them. We want our children and young people to be happy and healthy, both physically and emotionally, to be safe and protected from harm and exploitation, and to be supported each step of the way to independent life as adults. We want them to achieve their potential, especially at school, and to be involved in the decisions affecting their care and their lives
- 1.4 As well as providing the context for and profile of children in care in Derby the Corporate Parenting Strategy focusses on 6 key areas:
1. Voice of the Child
 2. Good and safe placements
 3. Relationships
 4. Transition into adulthood - Leaving Care
 5. Education
 6. Health

The strategy has linked the key areas with the Pledge for children in care. Outlining

what we have done so far for each key area and what we plan to do in the future

- 1.5 To support the Corporate Parenting Strategy, a Childrens version has been developed by the Children in Care Council. It is planned that this version of the strategy will be shared with all our children in care.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To receive the report
- 2.2 To accept and sign off the reports

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Corporate Parenting Strategy brings together a number of statutory obligations that the council and its partners have as corporate parents for children and young people in care. The Strategy outlines what the council will do to continue to develop services and meet the needs for children and young people in care.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 Derby's Corporate Parenting Strategy 2015 – 2018 attached
Derby's Corporate Parenting Strategy 2015 – 2018 (Childrens Version) attached

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 None Applicable

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer Financial officer Human Resources officer Estates/Property officer Service Director(s) Other(s)	Pervez Akhtar – Corporate Parenting Lead
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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 There will be on-going resource implications for continuing to meet the need for children in care. There are no specific ones arising from this report

Legal

- 2.1 The Corporate Parenting Strategy brings together a number of statutory obligations that the council has as corporate parent for children and young people in 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 Corporate Parenting Strategy aims to address issues of inequality faced by children and young people in care by ensuring that they are provided the quality support and services to help them develop and achieve.

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.