



Derby City Council

**CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE**  
**23 February 2016**

**ITEM 12**

Report of the Acting Strategic Director for  
Children and Young People

**Derby's Looked After Children Strategy 2015 – 2018**

**SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The Derby Looked After Childrens Strategy 2015-2018 outlines the council 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 Strategy for Looked After Children 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 LAC 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 each key area and what we plan to do in the future
- 1.5 As well as outlining the councils governance arrangements. The LAC strategy includes a detailed action plan identifying our priorities in the different areas over the next three years, what we will undertake and importantly what difference this will make to children and young people in care.

<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>
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- 2.1 To receive the report
- 2.2 To accept and sign off the strategy

<b>REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION</b>
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- 3.1 The LAC 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.

<b>SUPPORTING INFORMATION</b>
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- 4.1 Derby's Looked After Children Strategy 2015 – 2018 attached

<b>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED</b>
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- 5.1 None Applicable

**This report has been approved by the following officers:**

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<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**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 LAC 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

**IT**

- 4.1 None arising from this report

**Equalities Impact**

- 5.1 The LAC 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 commitments of 'Enforcement and compliance and Safeguarding vulnerable children and young people and adults' under the Council pledge of 'safe'.

Enforcement and compliance – focusing on making sure that we are meeting our statutory duties for keeping people of all ages appropriately safe and working with local businesses and the police to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.

Safeguarding children, young people and adults – making sure that we take action when vulnerable adults and children require higher levels of support including; our looked after children and vulnerable adults with learning disabilities.