



Derby City Council

**Corporate Parenting Committee
1 December 2015**

ITEM 10

Report of the Strategic Director of Peoples
Services

The Pledge

SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Pledge is a promise made by Derby City Council to all Derby City children in care and leaving care. The Pledge is part of Derby's commitment to give children in care and leaving care the best opportunities they can have in life. All adults who work for and with the Council will make a commitment to work to the Pledge at all times.

The Pledge was conceived by the Derby City Children in Care Council throughout 2012

- 1.2 The current Pledge needed to be refreshed. The current Pledge has 28 commitments. It was felt that these needed to be updated and be more aspirational
- 1.3 From June 15 – August 15 the looked after children have been asked to highlight their top ten priorities, which will form the new Pledge.
- 1.4 It is planned that the updated Pledge will be launched and implemented early 2016

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To receive the update.
- 2.2 To provide feedback and comment on the proposed updated Pledge

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 There is an expectation for all local authorities to work with children and young people to develop a 'pledge' for the children in their care. The pledge is a statement about the support and services children in care can expect to receive
- 3.2 Care Matters (2006) identifies underpinning principles that Local Authorities must adhere to in complying with the basic statutory duties relating to Looked After Children. It places a responsibility on Local Authorities to ensure children in care have been consulted and involved in developing the pledge and the regular review of the 'pledge'

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

4.1 Report and proposed new Pledge attached

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 None applicable

his report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer Financial officer Human Resources officer Estates/Property officer Service Director(s) Other(s)	Andy Smith Acting Strategic Director Children and Young People Peoples Directorate
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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 None Arising from this report

Legal

- 2.1 The Pledge reaffirms aspects of statutory duties that the LA has towards children in our care

Personnel

- 3.1 None Arising from this report

IT

- 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 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.