



Derby City Council

**Corporate Parenting Committee  
21 February 2016**

Report of the Strategic Director of People  
Services

# ITEM 9

## **Update on the Implementation of Commitments regarding the Pledge for Children in Care**

### **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.

Departments across the Council gave commitments to implementing the New Pledge at its launch on 26 January 2016.

- 1.2 The Corporate Parenting Committee tasked itself to ensure that the whole Council was fully committed to the Pledge. As part of this overview the Corporate Parenting Committee has scheduled regular updates and progress monitoring of the departments commitments.

- 1.3 The Corporate Parenting Committee held a special event on 5 July 2016, in the Council Chamber; directors from all the departments in the council were invited to give a formal update to children in care on the progress made in relation to their Pledges made back in January. A further event was held more recently on 14 December 2016 in the Mayoral Reception Room, when service directors were again able to provide an update on their Pledges directly to children in care.

- 1.4 It has now been just over a year since the initial commitments were given. A report has been compiled to provide an overview of the achievements in relation to the Pledges made.

The Corporate Parenting Committee will undertake further progress monitoring of the Pledge commitments.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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

<b>REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION</b>
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- 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.

<b>SUPPORTING INFORMATION</b>
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- 4.1 Updates Report attached.

<b>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED</b>
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- 5.1 Non 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 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

**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 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.