



Derby City Council

**CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE**  
**1 December 2015**

**ITEM 9**

Report of the Strategic Director of Children and Young People

**East Midlands Regional Children's Framework for Independent Fostering Agencies and Children's Home Providers**

**SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This attached Cabinet paper provides an overview of changes in relation to the East Midlands Regional Children's Framework (EMRCF), which is the principle mechanism for sourcing placements for children where there is no identified in-house provision that can meet the child's needs.
- 1.2 The framework is due to end on 31 January 2016 and is currently being re-procured. A recent review of its effectiveness has been undertaken to support the development of the new specification.
- 1.3 The number of placements Derby City Council are sourcing externally has increased, which is impacting on the overall cost of placements.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 Corporate Parenting Committee (CPC) are not required to approve the contents of the Cabinet paper. This is presented for information, and to note that the contents of the Cabinet paper were approved on 7 October 2015. A further report will be presented to CPC to update on the evaluation of bids and the implementation plan for the new framework in Derby.

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 3.1 Cabinet report attached.

**The Cabinet report was approved by the following officers:**

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