

Time commenced – 6.00pm  
Time finished – 6.43pm

**CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE**  
**26 January 2016**

Present: Councillor Bolton (Chair)  
Councillors Russell and Williams

**30/15 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Jones and Whitby.

**31/15 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair**

There were no late items.

**32/15 Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

**33/15 The Pledge**

The Committee received a report of the Acting Strategic Director for Children and Young People on The Pledge. The report was introduced by the Chair.

The Chair reported that members of the Children in Care Council, Derby City Council's Chief Executive, Strategic Directors and Directors had been invited to the special meeting to launch the Pledge.

Members noted that the Pledge was a promise made by Derby City Council to all Derby City children in care and leaving care. Members also noted that the Pledge was part of Derby's commitment to give children in care and leaving care the best opportunities they could have in life. It was reported that all adults who work for and with the Council would make a commitment to work to the Pledge at all times.

It was reported that the Pledge was originally conceived by the Derby City Children in Care Council throughout 2012. It was also reported that from June–August 2015, the Children in Care Council had led work to update and develop a new Pledge. Members noted that looked after children had been asked to highlight their top ten priorities, which had formed the new Pledge.

It was reported that Derby City Council and its Elected Members were Corporate Parents for children in care and that it was expected that they embrace, support and implement the Pledge throughout their duties and service provisions.

Members received a presentation from members of the Children in Care Council on the Pledge.

The Chief Executive, Strategic Directors and Directors discussed individual pledges with members of the Children in Care Council.

**Resolved:**

- 1. to receive the new Pledge;**
- 2. to commit to implementing the Pledge across the Council and corporate parenting partners; and**
- 3. to receive an update report at a future meeting of the Corporate Parenting Committee.**

MINUTES END