

## **CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE**

18 February 2020

Minute Extract

### **28/19 Corporate Parenting Strategy 2019-21**

The Committee received a report of the Strategic Director of People Services. The Corporate Parenting Strategy sets out Derby City Council's vision and priorities for meeting the needs of children and young people in our care and care leavers. The Corporate Parenting lead attended the meeting to present the report.

The Committee noted that the Corporate Parenting Strategy aimed to ensure that the best outcomes for Derby children in care are delivered. It was stated that the Council was committed to ensuring that every child had the best possible start in life, would be given help to achieve their potential and had a safe and positive experience, with Derby City as their Corporate Parent. It was reported that Derby City Council wanted its children and young people to be happy, healthy, both physically and emotionally, to be safe and protected from harm and exploitation, and to be supported each step of the way to successful independent lives as adults.

The Committee were informed that Members of the Children in Care Council had been involved in the design and content of the Strategy and had suggested the heading of "Our Bright Future Plan".

The Officer reported that the Corporate Parenting Strategy prioritised five key areas, detailed in the report, where the Council wanted to make a difference for Derby's children in care and care leavers.

The Committee noted that the Strategy also included pledges made from each of the Council Directorates to children in care and care leavers. Councillors discussed the pledges and asked if they could be returned to the Directorates to be made more specific for the next publication. A member of the Committee also asked if anecdotes from Foster Carers could be included, in the same style as the anecdotes from children in care on the penultimate page of the strategy.

The Committee liked and supported the new slim version of the strategy document, stating that it was easy to read and understand. Overall, they felt it was a good working document.

The Committee gave their support and endorsement to the new Corporate Parenting Strategy and requested that it be taken to full Council for their endorsement and support.

#### **The Corporate Parenting Committee resolved:**

- 1. to accept, support and endorse the Corporate Parenting Strategy 2019-21 "Our Bright Future Plan"**
- 2. that the Strategy be returned to the respective Directorate leads with the request that more specific pledges be added.**

3. that the Strategy be sent to full Council in May for support and endorsement