



Derby City Council

**Corporate Parenting Committee
1 December 2015**

ITEM 7

**Report of the Chair of Corporate Parenting
Committee**

The Chairs update report on member visits to children homes

SUMMARY

- 1.1 As elected members we are Corporate Parents to all children in the care of Derby City Council, including those placed in residential care. It is our responsibility to ensure that we are meeting the needs of these children and young people, providing them with the support and encouragement to develop, grow and meet their full potential.
- 1.2 In order to fulfil the councillors roles as a Corporate Parent, a number of members have been involved in visits to our children's residential homes in Derby
- 1.3 The Chair will provide an update on recent Members visits to children's homes.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To receive the update.
- 2.2 To respond to any findings arising from the visits by members

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 It is the responsibility of members as corporate parents to ensure that the needs of children in their care are being met appropriately
- 3.2 It is important that members have the opportunity to visit childrens residential homes and inspect the conditions that young people are expected to live in as well as speak to young people in care about their experiences and quality of care made available for them

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 Update by the chair will be provided at the meeting

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 None applicable

This report has been approved by the following officers:

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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 None arising from this report

Legal

- 2.1 None arising from this report

Personnel

- 3.1 None arising from this report

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- 4.1 None arising from this report

Equalities Impact

- 5.1 None arising from this report

Health and Safety

- 6.1 Possible implications to ensure that residential accommodation is fit for purpose and meets the needs of young people that it caters for.

Environmental Sustainability

- 7.1 None arising from this report

Property and Asset Management

- 8.1 Possible implications to ensure that residential accommodation is fit for purpose and meets the needs of young people that it caters for.

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.