



Derby City Council

**Corporate Parenting Committee
26 July 2016**

ITEM 9

Report of the Strategic Director of People's Directorate

Children and Young People Missing from Care

SUMMARY

- 1.1 A report was presented to the Corporate Parenting Committee in April 2016 outlining plans to strengthen the Councils response to help children and young people who go missing.
- 1.2 The plan to reduce the incidences of children and young people going missing has been in place since May 2015 and was updated in June 2016 on the back of the annual report on missing children and young people for 2015-16. A presentation will be given to the Board as an update.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To note the key themes of the annual report on children and young people who go missing
- 2.2 To endorse the prospective improvement plan for children and young people who go missing which outlines future actions and recommendations

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The response to help young people who go missing, or who are at risk of going missing, was considered to be in need of strengthening, including more robust monitoring, delivering preventative work to support young people and developing a better understanding of the reasons why young people go missing.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 A presentation will be given to the Board.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 Do nothing. However, the previous arrangements that were in place were not considered robust enough for the local authority to be confident that children and young people were being adequately safeguarded.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer Financial officer Human Resources officer Estates/Property officer Service Director(s) Other(s)	N/A N/A N/A N/A Maureen Darbon
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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 There are no financial implications brought about by the findings contained within the annual missing report.

Legal

- 2.1 The Local Authority has a responsibility to protect children from significant harm (CA 1989) and to provide services to children who are considered to be vulnerable including children who go missing

Personnel

- 3.1 There are no personnel implications brought about by the findings from the annual missing report.

IT

- 4.1 A missing person email address is going to be set up for all out of authority providers, including foster carers, to use to report missing children. This will then automatically send alerts to social workers, IROs and the new apprentice for missing children

Equalities Impact

- 5.1 Children missing from home and care are often multiply disadvantaged.

Health and Safety

- 6.1 There are significant health and safety risks brought about by the content of the annual 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 There are both risks to the children themselves and risks for the Council of not properly monitoring and assisting this group of significantly vulnerable children.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 10.1 Links to the Corporate plan are through:

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.