



Derby City Council

Corporate Parenting Committee
21 February 2016

ITEM 11

Report of the Strategic Director of People
Services

Corporate Parenting Policy

SUMMARY

- 1.1 As part of the improvement plan for corporate parenting it was identified that councillors and staff could benefit from better understanding of corporate parenting, what corporate parenting is, their responsibilities and how they can support the improvement in services to children in care and care leavers. This is outlined in the new corporate parenting policy
- 1.2 'Corporate Parenting' is the term used to describe the responsibility of local authorities, as corporate bodies, to provide the best possible services and support to Looked After Children and Young People in their care.
- 1.3 The role of the corporate parent is to seek, for the children they look after, the outcomes that every good parent would want for their own child. While the core statutory responsibility in respect of looked after children is a Children and Young Peoples Services function of the authority, all members and officers of the local authority share the responsibilities of the corporate parent.
- 1.4 It will be expected that all members and officers need to be familiar with the corporate parenting policy. The corporate parenting policy will be posted on to the DCC 'e' learning portal where members and officers will be required to read and accept the corporate parenting policy. This will be a mandatory requirement. Discussion will take place with HR to make this process interactive so that the learning and acceptance can be validated.

The policy will be shared with health colleagues with view to them promoting corporate parenting responsibility across their organisation.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To receive the report
- 2.2 To agree the proposed actions in 1.4 above

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 All members and officers of the local authority share the responsibilities of being a corporate parent. It is important they are aware of what corporate parenting is and their responsibilities regarding it.
- 3.2 This process will ensure all members and officers have the required level of understanding for corporate parenting and their responsibilities

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 Corporate Parenting Policy attached

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 Non applicable

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer Financial officer Human Resources officer Estates/Property officer Service Director(s) Other(s)	Pervez Akhtar – Corporate Parenting Lead
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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

1.1 None

Legal

2.1 As a Corporate Parent the local authority has statutory obligations to children in care and care leavers

Personnel

3.1 None

IT

4.1 None

Equalities Impact

5.1 None

Health and Safety

6.1 None

Environmental Sustainability

7.1 None

Property and Asset Management

8.1 None

Risk Management and Safeguarding

9.1 None

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 10.1 The content of this report underpins the priority commitment, 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.