



Derby City Council

**CORPORATE PARENTING SUB BOARD
10 March 2015**

ITEM 6

Report of the Strategic Director of Children and
Young People

Foster Carer Recruitment

SUMMARY

- 1.1 A presentation will be given at Corporate Parenting Sub Board on 10 March 2015 detailing the current actions in place to increase the number of Derby City Council foster carers.
- 1.2 Attached at Appendices 2A-2D is the marketing action plan for January to March 2015.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To note that a presentation will be given on 10 March 2015 detailing the activities and actions in relation to foster carer recruitment.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 This is a regular report and presentation to update Corporate Parenting Sub Board of the actions to date on the recruitment and retention of foster carers.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 Recruiting more foster carers for Derby City Council will have a positive impact on the spend for external independent sector fostering placements and will also allow more children in care to be placed locally to Derby.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 Non applicable

This report has been approved by the following officers:

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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 Recruiting more foster carers will have a direct and positive impact on the current spend on out of authority placements for children in care.

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 The service continues to give due consideration to race, gender, culture, sexual orientation, religion, and disability in relation to children being placed and for adults who apply to become foster carers.

Health and Safety

- 6.1 This is considered at all stages of the recruitment, assessment, training and support of foster carers. All the managers in the service have completed mandatory Health and Safety training.

Environmental Sustainability

- 7.1 None arising from this report

Property and Asset Management

- 8.1 To note the office move from Perth Street to the Council House that was completed on 16th December 2014

Risk Management

9.1 Risk is managed at all stages of the fostering process

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

10.1 The fostering service supports the Councils priorities of

- inspiring start in life
- inspiring start in life by improving educational attainment
- inspiring working life by improving skills and creating jobs