

## **Independent Visitor Arrangements**

### **Purpose**

- 1.1 This report brings to the attention of Corporate Parenting Committee an open letter received from the National Independent Visitor Network to Chairs of Corporate Parenting Panels and Children and Young People's Committees regarding Independent Visitor arrangements.

### **Recommendation**

- 2.1 To discuss the questions outlined in the letter, noting the arrangements in Derby.

### **Reason**

- 3.1 To ensure the Corporate Parenting Committee has oversight as required.

### **Supporting information**

- 4.1 The attached letter was received in February 2020 highlighting the work of Independent Visitors.
- 4.2 The Council has a statutory duty to provide advocacy services for looked after children making complaints and to appoint independent visitors. In Derby this service (Children's Rights Service) is delivered by Change, Grow, Live (CGL).
- 4.3 An Annual Report of the service is presented at Corporate Parenting Committee. A report for 2020/21 is due at the next Corporate Parenting Committee meeting where additional detail will be provided.
- 4.4 A verbal discussion of the letter and questions posed will be undertaken at the meeting.

## **Public/stakeholder engagement**

5.1 As outlined in this report.

## **Other options**

6.1 None noted.

## **Financial and value for money issues**

7.1 None noted.

## **Legal implications**

8.1 As outlined in this report.

## **Climate implications**

9.1 None noted.

## **Other significant implications**

10.1 None noted.

**This report has been approved by the following people:**

<b>Role</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Date of sign-off</b>
<b>Legal</b>		
<b>Finance</b>		
<b>Service Director(s)</b>		
<b>Report sponsor</b>	Gurmail Nizzer, Service Director, Integrated Commissioning	25/3/21
<b>Other(s)</b>		

<b>Background papers:</b>	n/a
<b>List of appendices:</b>	Appendix 1 - Open letter from the National Independent Visitor Network