

DECISION REPORT

Corporate Parenting Committee

Date of Meeting: 17 March 2020

Report Title: Preparation for Adulthood Annual Report

Portfolio Holder: Cllr Kathryn Flavell, Portfolio Holder for Children and Families

Senior Officer: Mark Palethorpe, Executive Director of People

1. Report summary

- 1.1. The Corporate Parenting Strategy sets out five pledges to our cared for children and care leavers. Over the year, the Corporate Parenting Committee focuses on each one of the five pledges.
- 1.2. Pledge Five of the Strategy is that 'We will prepare young people for adulthood'. This report updates the Committee on progress, impact and developments in relation to this pledge.

2. Recommendation/s

- 2.1. Corporate Parenting Committee is asked to:
 - 2.1.1. Note the contents of the report.

3. Reasons for Recommendation/s

- 3.1. The Corporate Parenting Committee is an advisory group to the Cabinet and, as such, needs to be aware of any national or local issues that are likely to impact on cared for children and care leavers. The Corporate Parenting Committee needs to be able to scrutinise and challenge performance to improve outcomes for cared for children and young people.

4. Other Options Considered

4.1. None; this is an annual report.

5. Background

5.1. This update report aligns with the pledges of the Corporate Parenting Strategy. The Strategy is being reviewed by the service to reflect subtle changes in officer and member leadership and to specifically evaluate the achievements to date and outline actions for the future.

6. Implications of the Recommendations

6.1. Legal Implications

12.1.1 There are no legal implications as a result of this report recommendation.

6.2. Financial Implications

12.2.1 There are no financial implications as a result of this recommendations of this report.

6.3. Equality Implications

12.3.1 There are no equality implications as a result of this paper.

6.4. Human Resources Implications

12.4.1 There are no direct human resource implications of this report.

6.5. Risk Management Implications

12.5.1 Cared for children and care leavers are a vulnerable group that are at risk of a number of factors, including poor education and training, health, safeguarding and transition into adulthood; the Corporate Parenting Strategy prioritises these areas.

6.6. Rural Communities Implications

12.6.1 There are no direct rural communities' implications of this report.

6.7. Implications for Children & Young People/Cared for Children

12.7.1 The contents of this report have implications for care leavers, who are some of Cheshire East's most vulnerable children.

6.8. Public Health Implications

12.8.1 There are no direct implications for public health.

6.9. Climate Change Implications

12.9.1 There is a commitment to ensure that Cheshire East care leavers live as close to their home community as possible, wherever this is safe to do so. This will ensure that children can continue to feel connected to their families and local community. It also reduces the geographical footprint of children, families and staff as travel is reduced.

13. Ward Members Affected

13.1. Although the number of Cheshire East care leavers is relatively small, they are a vulnerable cohort, who live across Cheshire East and in other local authority areas.

14. Consultation & Engagement

14.1. Care Leavers are regularly consulted and engaged in activities and services which affect them.

15. Access to Information

15.1. None.

16. Contact Information

16.1. Any questions relating to this report should be directed to the following officer:

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