

## **BRIEFING REPORT**

### **Corporate Parenting Committee**

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<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	14 September 2021
<b>Report Title:</b>	Preparation for Adulthood Annual Report and Service Plan
<b>Report of:</b>	Ged Rowney, Director of Children's Services

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#### **1. Executive Summary**

- 1.1. The accompanying report replaces the 'Care Leavers Annual Report' that has been presented to the Corporate Parenting Committee in previous years. It outlines the impact of the work to prepare our young people for adulthood. It is aligned with the Corporate Parenting Operational Group and its Subgroups; 'Preparing for Adulthood' is subgroup 5 and meets bi-monthly with a range of representatives from Children's Services, Safeguarding, the Childrens Society, Housing, the Participation Team, Youth Support Services and the Fostering Service.

#### **2. Background**

- 2.1. The purpose of the subgroup is to ensure that all Cheshire East Cared for Children and Care Leavers are supported with the transition into adulthood. It ensures that Preparation for Adulthood is on the agenda for our services at all times. We aim to improve our young people's independence skills, increase their preparedness for adulthood and to embed any changes in our services across the partnership

#### **3. Briefing Information**

- 3.1. Please see the accompanying report and service plan.

#### **4. Implications**

##### **4.1. Legal**

- 4.1.1. The report explains how we discharge our statutory responsibilities to our care leavers from the time we start to plan their independence at 15/16 to age 25.

## **4.2. Finance**

- 4.2.1.** Services to care leavers are provided on a statutory basis; the 21+ offer is funded by additional resources from the DfE which we are anticipating will increase from last year.

## **4.3. Human Resources**

- 4.3.1.** Three members of the team are currently employed on temporary arrangements which we will be able to make permanent when renewed 21+ funding is confirmed.

<b>Access to Information</b>	
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Appendices:	Appendix 1: Preparation for Adulthood Report Appendix 2: Care Leavers Service Plan 2021-22
Background Papers:	None