



Meeting: Council Meeting

Date: 24 September 2015

Wards Affected: All

Report Title: Corporate Parenting Strategy

Is the decision a key decision? No

When does the decision need to be implemented? Immediately

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1. Proposal and Introduction

- 1.1 'Corporate Parenting' refers to the collective responsibility of the Council to take strategic responsibility for providing the best possible care and protection to our children looked after.
- 1.2 The Corporate Parenting Board met on the 10th September '15 and agreed the strategy, considered the Corporate Parenting Strategy, the Children Looked After Pledge and began work on a draft Action Plan.
- 1.3 Membership of the board consists of:
 - Lead Member as Chair
 - Children's Services Officer lead (Head of Permanence)
 - Councillors (including corporate parenting Champion and other children's champions)

2. Reason for Proposal

- 2.1 There is a statutory requirement for the Council to enact their Corporate Parenting responsibilities (Children Act '89). These duties are done through a Corporate Parenting Strategy, Action Plan directed and monitored through a Corporate Parenting Board.
- 2.2 There is a duty on Health, Housing and education services (s.27 Children Act '89) to assist Children's Services to fulfil the duties under the act.
- 2.3 The Lead Member is required to chair the board and Councillors including Children's Champions are included in the membership of the Corporate Parenting Board.
- 2.4 Effective Corporate parenting requires authority-wide approach, including all elected members

3. Recommendation(s) / Proposed Decision

- 3.1 That the Corporate Parenting Strategy set out in Appendix 2 to the submitted report be approved.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 Supporting Information and Impact Assessment
Appendix 2 Corporate Parenting Strategy
Appendix 3 The Placement Sufficiency Strategy

Background Documents

None