

EDUCATION & CHILDREN SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 24th APRIL 2017

Corporate Parenting Update

To consider and comment on the following issues:

Appropriate resources and provision for looked after children and care leavers
Outcomes for looked after children and care leavers

Reasons:

The council are the corporate parents for these children

To be referred to the Executive Board for decision: NO

Executive Board Member Portfolio Holder: Cllr. Gareth Jones (Education & Children)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Corporate Parenting Annual Update

Update on Corporate Parenting, unaccompanied asylum seeking children and placement moves within fostering service.

The report highlights successful outcomes and the challenges of retaining foster carers and having sufficient staff and resources to meet the increasing demands of care leavers.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

Signed: Stefan Smith Head of Service

| Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities | Legal | Finance | ICT | Risk Management Issues | Staffing Implications | Physical Assets |
|---|-------|---------|------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| NONE | NONE | YES | NONE | ONE | NONE | NONE |

Finance

There are resource implications for maintaining services for the growing numbers of care leavers as well as recruiting and retaining foster carers.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below:

Signed: Stefan Smith Head of Service

1. Local Member(s) – N/A
2. Community / Town Council – N/A
3. Relevant Partners – N/A
4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations – N/A

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW

| Title of Document | File Ref No. / Locations that the papers are available for public inspection |
|---------------------------|--|
| 3 or more placement moves | attached |
| Scrutiny 2017 | Attached |
| UASC | Attached |