

# Education and Children Services Scrutiny Committee

24<sup>th</sup> April 2019

## Annual Report on Corporate Parenting activity

**To consider and comment on the following issues:**

To receive and comment upon the contents of this report.

**Reasons:**

**For the committee's Information**

Annual reporting

**To be referred to the Executive Board / Council for decision: NO**

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### 1. BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT.

All councillors and local authority officers are corporate parents for children looked after by Carmarthenshire County Council. This annual summary outlines a summary of the number of looked after children how well the local authority is doing in supporting outcomes for this group of children and young people.

Mae holl gynghorwyr a swyddogion yr awdurdod lleol yn rhieni corfforaethol ar gyfer plant sy'n derbyn gofal gan Gyngor Sir Caerfyrddin. Mae'r crynodeb blynyddol hwn yn rhoi amlinelliad o nifer y plant sy'n derbyn gofal a pha mor llwyddiannus yw'r awdurdod lleol o ran cefnogi canlyniadau ar gyfer y grŵp hwn o blant a phobl ifanc.

### 2. OTHER OPTIONS AVAILABLE AND THEIR PROS AND CONS

The information is emailed as a report and Councillors can ask the designated officers specific questions for clarity.

Caiff y wybodaeth ei hanfon fel adroddiad a gall Cynghorwyr ofyn cwestiynau penodol er eglurder i'r swyddogion dynodedig.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?	YES
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# 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 Children's Services

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
<b>YES</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>

## 1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

Monitoring outcomes and the attainment of looked after children and care leavers is a statutory duty of the local authority.

Corporate parenting responsibilities are outlined in the Social Services and Wellbeing Act and Welsh Government provide guidance of Councils on their monitoring and reporting duties. The education and attainment of children looked after are a priority Estyn Group of learners.

Mae monitro canlyniadau a chyrhaeddiad plant sy'n derbyn gofal a'r rhai sy'n gadael gofal yn ddyletswydd statudol i'r awdurdod lleol.

Amlinellir cyfrifoldebau rhianta corfforaethol yn y Ddeddf Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a Llesiant ac mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn rhoi arweiniad i Gynghorau o ran eu cyfrifoldebau monitro ac adrodd. Mae addysg a chyrhaeddiad plant sy'n derbyn gofal yn grŵp dysgwyr sy'n flaenoriaeth i Estyn.

### 3. Finance

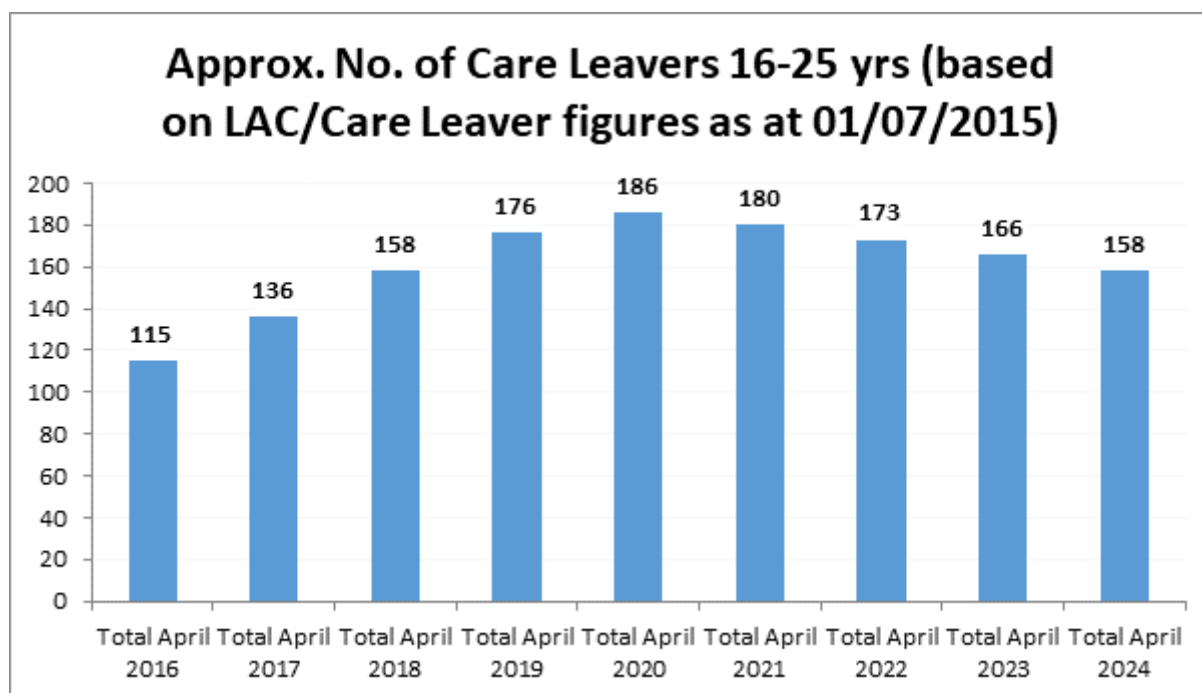
There is constant strain on the budget to support children looked after and care leavers. The outcome on investment is positive but, as you will note from the attached report, leaving care is a growth area and requires increased financial commitment.

Of the corporate parenting team budget £180,000 is spent annually supporting children's housing and accommodation needs. This is in addition to Supporting People and Housing Services. The long term accommodation needs of care leavers is an area that needs more robust planning with Supporting People and Housing Services in order for Children's Services to not have to secure private rental premises for care leavers.

£288,831 is spent on client needs including access to education, training for young people, higher education, subsistence, setting up home and statutory allowances.

£11,000 was spent last year on transport for care leavers in order to support them attending employment or training. The allocation of travel passes may prove to be more cost effective.

Due to changes in legislation requiring Children's Services to support care leavers up to the age of 25 there is a projected budgetary increase required in this service area.



# CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed:      Stefan Smith                      Head of Children's Service

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

**THERE ARE NONE**

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection