

EDUCATION & CHILDREN SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 14th APRIL 2016

Corporate Parenting & Safeguarding Panel Annual Report

To consider and comment on the following issues:

- How the Council is meeting its Corporate Parenting responsibilities as outlined in our Corporate Parenting Strategy.

Reasons:

- It is the responsibility of the Council to monitor the outcomes and attainment of looked after children and care leavers as part of its Corporate Parenting responsibilities.
- In order for members of the Committee to exercise their scrutiny role.

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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Carmarthenshire's *Corporate Parenting Strategy* outlines that every Department across the Council must work together and take Corporate Parenting responsibility for our looked after children. Schools, Leisure, Housing, Youth and Preventative Services, Education and Children's Services have a duty to act in the best interest of the looked after child as their Corporate Parents.

In line with the strategy, Corporate Parenting Panel provide a level of scrutiny, monitoring, oversight and challenge as to how well the Council is doing in meeting the needs of looked after children and care leavers.

This report will outline:

The number of children looked after by Carmarthenshire County Council and how well they are doing in relation to our aspiration for them as outlined in the Corporate Parenting Strategy.

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 Children’s Services

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

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 Services

- 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
Enhancing democratic scrutiny and monitoring of Education & Children’s Services to support improvements in standards and safeguarding (Executive Board, 17th November 2014)	<p>Agenda http://online.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/agendas/eng/EXEB20141117/index.asp</p> <p>Minutes http://online.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/agendas/eng/EXEB20141117/MINUTES.HTM#P106_7945</p>
Carmarthenshire County Council’s Corporate Parenting Strategy 2013-17 (County Council, 15th April 2014)	<p>Strategy http://connect.carmarthenshire.public-i.tv/document/Item_7.3_Report.pdf</p> <p>Minutes http://online.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/agendas/eng/COCO20140415/MINUTES.HTM#P256_8223</p>