

SUB-COMMITTEE WORKSHOP/ TRAINING PLAN

To: **Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee**

Meeting Date: **13th December 2017**

From: **Jacqui Barry
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Electoral division(s): **All**

Purpose: To provide proposals on how the Sub-Committee can ensure that looked after children and young people and care leavers' voice informs all areas of its business.

Recommendation: **Members are asked to:**

- a) Consider the appropriateness of the training proposal
- b) Make additional suggestions
- c) Agree preferred times and dates for training and visits.

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1. BACKGROUND

As a newly established Committee, it is essential that Members are well informed on all aspects of the work of Cambridgeshire County Council specifically in relation to looked after children and care leavers

2. MAIN ISSUES

- 2.1 It is recommended that Members of the Sub-Committee have an initial two hour briefing to provide an overview of the following:

Safeguarding Children (also scheduled for the Member's Seminar January 2018)
Legal context of our work
Fostering Service
Coram Cambridge Adoption
14-25 Service
District Teams and their work
Independent Reviewing Service
Participation Service
Complaints
Overview of the Ofsted Inspection Framework

These areas of work would be presented by the managers of each respective service, with the Ofsted item being presented by the appropriate Head of Service.

2.2 Training during 2018

A further half day training session is recommended in the first quarter of 2018 on a particular subject area of interest concerning looked after children and care leavers. Members are asked to identify further priority areas to be covered in this session.

2.3 Visits

In addition to training sessions, it is recommended that Members consider establishing a programme of visits so that they can see first-hand the services being delivered, talk to front-line staff and service users and establish links with other Board's and organisations which work with looked after children and young people. This might include:

- The Foster Carer Support Group
- Observer at the Local Safeguarding Children Board
- 14-25 Service Team Meeting
- Observer at the Virtual School Board
- Observer at the Health and Well-Being Board

3. SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Resource Implications

Training and Briefing sessions to be provided by internal staff.

3.2 Procurement/Contractual/Council Contract Procedure Rules Implications

N/A

3.3 Statutory, Legal and Risk Implications

N/A

3.4 Equality and Diversity Implications

N/A

3.5 Engagement and Communications Implications

N/A

3.6 Localism and Local Member Involvement

N/A

3.7 Public Health Implications

N/A

None

Source Documents	Location
None	