

## Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee Annual Report 2021-2022

To: Children and Young People Committee

Meeting Date: 11 October 2022

From: Ricky Cooper, Assistant Director, Children's Services

Electoral division(s): All

Key decision: No

Forward Plan ref: No

Outcome: The CYP Committee is being asked to consider the Cambridgeshire Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee Annual report for 2021-2022. The purpose of the report is to provide an overview of the work of the Sub-Committee and the achievements in the last year.

Recommendation: The Committee is invited to note the Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee Annual report 2021-2022.

Voting arrangements: No vote required

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## 1. Background

- 1.1 The report gives an overview of the work of the Sub-Committee over the year 2021-2022. The report is produced annually as part of the accountability of the Sub-Committee, its achievements and areas of focus over this period.
- 1.2 The annual report offers an overview of the work undertaken by the Sub-Committee its role in supporting the Peoples Directorate in improving outcomes for children in care and those that have had experience of being in care in all aspects of their lives. The Sub-Committee offers a supportive critical friend approach to Council Officers and where appropriate have intervened support and highlight the importance of children in care needs at a national level. The outcome has been positive in promoting improved access to services in the Cambridgeshire area. There are no financial implications within the Sub-Committee remit.

## 2. Main Issues

- 2.1 The report gives details of the structure of the Sub-Committee, how it has promoted the needs of children in care through the thematic format related to Health, placements and education throughout the year. The report details the areas of focus, achievements, the performance scorecard and the role of the subcommittee in supporting Children's Services in delivering its services. The Sub-Committee has had a keen focus on supporting Foster Carers, promoting their value and role in caring for children locally. The Sub-Committee wrote to NHS England in relation to the lack of dental access for children in care. This resulted in better resources being available locally along with clearer guidance to carers about how to access dental services and alternative provisions.

## 3. Alignment with corporate priorities

### 3.1 Environment and Sustainability

There are no significant implications for this priority.

### 3.2 Health and Care

The health of Children in Care was reviewed thematically by the Sub-Committee throughout the year. This included a focus on dental services as explained above as well as looked after health services providing wider information on such areas as how children's emotional wellbeing is assessed and provided for. The aim of the Sub-Committee has been by reviewing this to support the sustainability of placement stability in the Cambridgeshire area.

### 3.3 Places and Communities

The Sub-Committee has taken a keen interest in the views of young people through their direct participation in the Sub-Committee. The Children in Care Council have provided their views through the use of different mediums such as videos and verbally reporting back. Their direct feedback as a user of services in the Sub-Committee has been invaluable in shaping the direction of accountability to Peoples Services and the Sub-Committee. It has demonstrated their value of their local area and how they want to see services develop and improve

### 3.4 Children and Young People

Please see above.

### 3.5 Transport

Please see above.

## 4. Significant Implications

### 4.1 Resource Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

### 4.2 Procurement/Contractual/Council Contract Procedure Rules Implications

Having reviewed this against the guidance I can see no implications that impacts upon this category.

### 4.3 Statutory, Legal and Risk Implications

Having reviewed this against the guidance I can see no implications that impacts upon this category.

### 4.4 Equality and Diversity Implications

Having reviewed this against the guidance I can see no implications that impacts upon this category.

### 4.5 Engagement and Communications Implications

Having reviewed this against the guidance I can see no implications that impacts upon this category.

### 4.6 Localism and Local Member Involvement

Having reviewed this against the guidance I can see no implications that impacts upon this category.

### 4.7 Public Health Implications

Having reviewed this against the guidance I can see no implications that impacts upon this category.

### 4.8 Environment and Climate Change Implications on Priority Areas

Having reviewed this against the guidance I can see no implications that impacts upon this category.

4.8.1 Implication 1: Energy efficient, low carbon buildings.

Positive/neutral/negative Status:

Explanation:

Having reviewed this against the guidance I can see no implications that impacts upon this category.

4.8.2 Implication 2: Low carbon transport.

Positive/neutral/negative Status:

Explanation:

Having reviewed this against the guidance I can see no implications that impacts upon this category.

4.8.3 Implication 3: Green spaces, peatland, afforestation, habitats, and land management.

Positive/neutral/negative Status:

Explanation:

Having reviewed this against the guidance I can see no implications that impacts upon this category.

4.8.4 Implication 4: Waste Management and Tackling Plastic Pollution.

Positive/neutral/negative Status:

Explanation:

Having reviewed this against the guidance I can see no implications that impacts upon this category.

4.8.5 Implication 5: Water use, availability, and management:

Positive/neutral/negative Status:

Explanation:

Having reviewed this against the guidance I can see no implications that impacts upon this category.

4.8.6 Implication 6: Air Pollution.

Positive/neutral/negative Status:

Explanation:

Having reviewed this against the guidance I can see no implications that impacts upon this category.

4.8.7 Implication 7: Resilience of our services and infrastructure and supporting vulnerable people to cope with climate change.

Positive/neutral/negative Status:

Explanation:

Having reviewed this against the guidance I can see no implications that impacts upon this category.

Have the resource implications been cleared by Finance? Yes

Name of Financial Officer: Clare Andrews

Have the procurement/contractual/ Council Contract Procedure Rules implications been cleared by the Head of Procurement? Yes or No

Name of Officer:

Has the impact on statutory, legal and risk implications been cleared by the Council's Monitoring Officer or Pathfinder Legal? Yes

Name of Legal Officer: Fiona McMillian

Have the equality and diversity implications been cleared by your EqIA Super User?

Yes or No

Name of Officer:

Have any engagement and communication implications been cleared by Communications?

Yes or No

Name of Officer:

Have any localism and Local Member involvement issues been cleared by your Service Contact? Yes

Name of Officer: Ricky Cooper

Have any Public Health implications been cleared by Public Health?

Yes or No

Name of Officer:

If a Key decision, have any Environment and Climate Change implications been cleared by the Climate Change Officer?

Yes

Name of Officer: Emily Bolton

## 5. Source documents guidance

None