

Fostering Annual Report 2022 - 2023

To: Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee

Meeting Date: 12 July 2023

From: Interim Service Director, Fostering & Adoption

Electoral division(s): All

Key decision: No

Outcome: This report has been submitted to provide the Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee with an overview of key activity within the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fostering Service for the year 2022 – 2023.

Recommendation: The Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee is recommended to:

- a) Note the content of the report.
- b) Raise any questions with lead officers.

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1. Background

- 1.1 The Fostering Services Regulations 2011 require that the Fostering Service provides annual written reports on the management, outcomes and financial aspects of the Local Authority's Fostering Service.
- 1.2 This report provides an overview of the activity of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fostering Service for the last financial year, April 2022 to March 2023 and covers the activity for both Local Authorities, reflective of the shared fostering service.

2. Main Issues

- 2.1 The purpose and content are fully detailed in the report.

3. Alignment with the Council's ambitions

- 3.1 Net zero carbon emissions for Cambridgeshire by 2045, and our communities and natural environment are supported to adapt and thrive as the climate changes.

There are no significant implications for this priority.

- 3.2 Travel across the county is safer and more environmentally sustainable.

There are no significant implications for this priority.

- 3.3 Health inequalities are reduced

The entire report is aligned with this priority as the Fostering Service is responsible delivering safe, secure and local foster homes for Cambridgeshire's Children in Care.

- 3.4 People enjoy healthy, safe, and independent lives through timely support that is most suited to their needs

See 3.3 above.

- 3.5 Helping people out of poverty and income inequality.

There are no significant implications for this priority.

- 3.6 Places and communities prosper because they have a resilient and inclusive economy, access to good quality public services and social justice is prioritised

There are no significant implications for this priority.

- 3.7 Children and young people have opportunities to thrive

See 3.3 above.

4. Significant implications

4.1 Not applicable

5. Source documents

5.1 None