

REPORT FROM CAMBRIDGESHIRE FOSTER CARER'S ASSOCIATION

To: **Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee**

Meeting Date: **9 September 2020**

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Electoral division(s): **All**

Outcomes: **The Sub-Committee is being asked to consider and comment on the report from Cambridgeshire Foster Carer's Association which details recent activity undertaken by the Association and future plans for engaging foster carers in service development and practice improvements.**

Recommendation: **Sub- Committee is asked to consider how foster carers, through the Association, can contribute to the three thematic formal Sub-Committee meetings: health, education and placement.**

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Summary:

The purpose of the report is to provide the Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee with an overview of the Cambridgeshire Foster Carer's Association and activity over recent months. The report highlights:

- Activity carried out in partnership with the Fostering Service
- Challenges over the coming months
- How the Association engages carers and provide an opportunity to contribute
- Future vision for the Association

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 At the Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee on 15 July 2020 the Sub-Committee agreed to the attendance of Cambridgeshire's Foster Carer Association Chair (or their representative) at future Sub-Committee meetings as an observer. It was also agreed that a report from the Association would be included on the agenda at each Sub-Committee meeting.

2. MAIN ISSUES

- 2.1 The report from the Cambridgeshire Foster Carer's Association is attached at Appendix 1.

3. ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES

3.1 A good quality of life for everyone

This corporate priority is explicit throughout the report as it relates to children in care supported by the Council and the experiences of children and young people leaving the Council's care.

3.2 Thriving places for people to live

There are no significant implications for this priority.

3.3 The best start for Cambridgeshire's children

This corporate priority is explicit throughout the report as it relates to children in care supported by the Council and the experiences of children and young people leaving the Council's care.

3.4 Net zero carbon emissions for Cambridgeshire by 2050

There are no significant implications for this priority.

4. SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Resource Implications

n/a

4.2 Procurement/Contractual/Council Contract Procedure Rules Implications

n/a

4.3 Statutory, Legal and Risk Implications

n/a

4.4 Equality and Diversity Implications

n/a

4.5 Engagement and Communications Implications

n/a

4.6 Localism and Local Member Involvement

n/a

4.7 Public Health Implications

n/a

Source Documents	Location
None	