

Children's, Families, Lifelong Learning and Culture Select Committee

CORPORATE PARENTING STRATEGY

21 January 2020



Purpose of report:

The Select Committee are asked to review and endorse the Corporate Parenting Strategy which will be published and become a Council wide document.

Introduction:

Corporate Parenting is one of the most important responsibilities any local authority undertakes. This strategy has therefore been written to provide clarity about the legislation, principles guidance, and governance relating to such responsibilities.

Strategy Content:

1. The report draws on the requirements of the Social Work Act 2017 and the seven principles any local authority must consider. The strategy defines the Surrey vision for Corporate Parenting and how it fits with the wider Surrey community vision and its clear commitment to promoting the wellbeing of all children.
2. It incorporates the 2018 promise to Looked after Children and Care Leavers and provides additional detail on how the council will deliver on each area.
3. The report defines how Surrey will measure success and the roles of the Corporate Parenting Operational Group and the Corporate Parenting Board in monitoring and challenging these.
4. Of particular relevance to this committee is the request for it to receive an annual report on the implementation of this strategy and to make recommendations as required.
5. The User Voice and Participation team, which includes a number of care experienced apprentices are currently producing a summary document of the strategy for children and young people. A web based version with additional graphics will also be made available once approved.
6. Attached to the Strategy is an appendix with the relevant legislation and statutory guidance.

Recommendations:

The Select Committee is asked to endorse the Corporate Parenting Strategy.

Next steps:

To agree a date for the committee to receive the annual report as recommended.

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