



OFFICER REPORT TO COUNCIL

CORPORATE PARENTING STRATEGY

KEY ISSUE/DECISION:

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.

BACKGROUND:

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.

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.

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.

The User Voice and Participation team, which includes a number of care experienced apprentices have produced 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.

Attached to the Strategy is an appendix with the relevant legislation and statutory guidance.

This strategy was presented to the Children, Families, Lifelong Learning & Culture Select Committee on 21 January 2020. Following a full discussion the committee suggested some minor amendments which were accepted and the strategy was then endorsed.

The Select Committee has also agreed to receive a Corporate Parenting Report informing them of the outcomes for Children Looked after & Care Leavers in Surrey.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Council is asked to adopt the Corporate Parenting Strategy.

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Sources/background papers:

None
