

Cabinet Member

16 January 2020

Name of Cabinet Member:

Cllr Pat Seaman – Cabinet Member for Children & Young People

Director Approving Submission of the report:

Deputy Chief Executive (People)

Ward(s) affected:

None

Title:

Corporate Parenting Strategy 2020-2022

Is this a key decision?

No - although the proposals affect more than two electoral wards, the impact is not expected to be significant.

Executive Summary:

Coventry City Council has a Corporate Parenting Strategy to outline how it will be meeting its duty towards those children in our care and to ensure that we work together across the city to make sure they have the best positive outcomes.

The strategy has been updated and developed and is now ready for publication.

Recommendations:

The Cabinet Member is requested to consider and endorse the refreshed Corporate Parenting Strategy.

List of Appendices included:

The following appendix is attached for consideration:

- Corporate Parenting Strategy 2020/22

Background papers:

None.

Other useful documents

None.

Has it been or will it be considered by Scrutiny?

No.

Has it been or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?

Yes – this report has been considered by The Corporate Parenting Board on 5 September 2019.

Will this report go to Council?

No.

1. Context (or background)

Coventry City Council, and all its partners, always put children at the very heart of practice. This is especially so regarding our looked after children where corporate parenting is a strong feature of all organisations. The Coventry Corporate Parenting Strategy is a key document that outlines the way in which all partners will work together to make sure our looked after children have the best positive outcomes. This is reflected in the One Coventry approach to delivering services to children across the city. The Corporate Parenting Strategy has been reviewed and updated and is now ready for publication.

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 2.1 The Cabinet Member is invited to endorse the publication of the updated Corporate Parenting Strategy for 2020/22.

3. Results of consultation undertaken

- 3.1 Consultation has taken place with the Corporate Parenting Board.

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

- 4.1 If endorsed the Strategy will be published with immediate effect.

5. Comments from Director of Finance and Corporate Services

5.1 Financial implications

There are no direct financial implications as a result of the recommendation in this report.

5.2 Legal implications

The local authority has a duty to have regard to Corporate Parenting principles when carrying out functions in relation to the children and young who are—

(a) children who are looked after by a local authority, within the meaning given by section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989;

(b) relevant children within the meaning given by section 23A(2) of that Act;

(c) persons aged under 25 who are former relevant children within the meaning given by section 23C(1) of that Act.

The proposed strategy outlines how these principles will be enshrined when working with those children in the care of the City Council

6. Other implications

None.

6.1 How will this contribute to the Council Plan (www.coventry.gov.uk/councilplan/)?

The Corporate Parenting Strategy will contribute to the Council Plan in the following ways:

- **Locally committed:** the Strategy will contribute to improving the lives of looked after children and care leavers. It will oversee promoting the welfare, outcomes and independence of this vulnerable group of children and adults, and make sure they get the support they require. This will mean that they get the best start in life.
- **Delivering our priorities with fewer resources:** the Strategy puts looked after children and adults at the heart of practise. This is a shared responsibility between the Council and its partners. By closely working together, services can be delivered in a way that avoids duplication.
- **Managing performance:** the Corporate Parenting Strategy contributes to the framework for making sure that looed after children and care leavers get the services they need and their outcomes are promoted.

6.2 How is risk being managed?

There are no risks associated with this report. However, the Corporate Parenting Board will continue to oversee the application of the Strategy across the city.

6.3 What is the impact on the organisation?

None.

6.4 Equality and Consultation Analysis (ECA)

The strategy gives due regard to meeting the needs of relevant young people in the city to remove or minimise disadvantages they may case

6.5 Implications for (or impact on) climate change and the environment

None.

6.6 Implications for partner organisations?

Partner agencies are fully involved in the Corporate Parenting Board. They provide a significant level of service to looked after children and care leavers and are fully committed to providing high quality services for this group of children and adults.

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