

**Meeting of the Children's Corporate Parenting Board - Thursday
23rd March 2023**

Report of the Director of Children's Services

Annual Report 2022/23

Purpose

1. To consider the annual report for 2022/23.

Recommendations

2. That the Committee receive the attached annual report, and ratify the notifications from the working groups.
3. That the Committee identify any items for additional inclusion in the draft programme for 2023/24.

Background

4. The attached report sets out the impact of the work of the Children's Corporate Parenting Board and associated working groups over the previous year.
5. It includes the notifications from the working groups for ratification by the Board and sets out the draft programme for the forthcoming year. In addition, a summary tracker sets out the progress of previously agreed actions.

Finance

6. There are no direct financial implications arising from the content of this report.

Law

7. The corporate parent functions and principles are set out the Statutory Guidance for Local Authorities February 2018. It is applied alongside the following legislation and guidance:
 - The Children Act 1989 Guidance and Regulations Volume 2: care planning, placement and case review
 - The Children Act 1989 Guidance and Regulations Volume 3: planning transition to adulthood for care leavers

Risk Management

8. There are no direct risk management implications associated with this report

Equality Impact

9. This report highlights the impact for children and young people in our care.

It includes some consultations with children and young people in our care.

Human Resources/Organisational Development

10. There are no direct Human Resource or Organisational Development implications arising from this report

Commercial/Procurement

11. This report has no impact on the Council's potential to commercially trade.

Environment/Climate Change

12. There are no environmental or procurement climate change implications arising from the content of this report.

Council Priorities and Projects

13. Sustaining Services:
Ensure Children's Social Care delivers high quality, value for money services; growing resilient families and communities, ensuring less children are in care.

Building Strong Partnerships:
Work with statutory and voluntary sector partners to ensure safe and high-quality care for children.

Safeguarding in Practice: Have a clear, consistent, and quality model of social work that enables best outcomes for children



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