



Developing our Corporate Parenting Strategy

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Useful information

- Ward(s) affected: All
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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To provide an overview and update of the work undertaken with care experienced children and young people to develop a Corporate Parenting Strategy.

2. Summary

- 2.1 The two presentations outline the work undertaken to develop a corporate parenting strategy with our looked after children, young people, and care leavers.
- 2.2 The first presentation provides a summary of the principles of corporate parenting and our approach to working in partnership with children and young people informed by the Lundy Model of participation. This includes developing the council's pledges to our children in care and care leavers.
- 2.3 The second presentation by a care experienced young person provides an overview of the approach taken to engage with a group of our looked after young people on developing our corporate parenting strategy together with the young people's suggested priorities and recommendations.
- 2.4 The presentation will outline our corporate parenting priorities for the coming year together with opportunities for elected members and officers to engage in further training and induction in both the Lundy Model of participation and being a good corporate parent.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 To note the proposed Corporate Parenting Strategy and endorse the commitment to the principle of 'as if this were my child' for our children looked after and care leavers.
- 3.2 To acknowledge the work undertaken by the Generation Select Commission and Care Experienced Consultants in shaping the councils' priorities for Corporate Parenting.

3.3 To support the councils' pledges to our children in care and care leavers and the priority themes identified in the Corporate Parenting Strategy.

4. Report

4.1 Refer to attached report Corporate Parenting Strategy 'As if they were my child.'

5. Financial, legal and other implications

5.1 Financial implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

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5.2 Legal implications

There are no direct legal implications arising from the contents of this report which demonstrates the work undertaken to develop a corporate parenting strategy.

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5.3 Climate Change and Carbon Reduction implications

There are no significant climate emergency implications directly associated with this report.

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5.4 Equalities Implications

Quality implications have been sought and will be obtained prior to approval of the final strategy.

5.5 Other Implications (You will need to have considered other implications in preparing this report. Please indicate which ones apply?)

None

6. Background information and other papers:

6.1 Children in Care Generation Select – What makes a good corporate parent?

7. Summary of appendices:

N/A

8. Is this a private report (If so, please indicated the reasons and state why it is not in the public interest to be dealt with publicly)?

No

9. Is this a “key decision”?

No

10. If a key decision, please explain reason

N/A