

## Corporate Parenting Board – 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020

<b>Title of paper:</b>	Children in Care and Care Leavers Strategy – 2021 to 2023	
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<b>Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)</b>		
<b>Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:</b>		
Nottingham People		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Living in Nottingham		<input type="checkbox"/>
Growing Nottingham		<input type="checkbox"/>
Respect for Nottingham		<input type="checkbox"/>
Serving Nottingham Better		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):</b>		
<p>This report introduces a draft copy of the revised Children in Care and Care Leavers Strategy. It is presented in draft form to Corporate Parenting Board as part of the consultation process.</p>		
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>		
<b>1</b>	That the Corporate Parenting Board discuss and provide feedback on the draft strategy to enable views to be incorporated into the final document.	

### 1 Reasons for recommendations

- 1.1 It is vital that members of the Corporate Parenting Board have the opportunity to comment on and contribute to the Strategy’s development. This ensures buy-in and engagement, ensuring that Corporate Parenting responsibilities are understood and members can play an active role in delivery of the final Strategy.

### 2 Background (including outcomes of consultation)

- 2.1 The Strategy has been developed in consultation with children in care and care leavers.
- 2.2 Statutory guidance recognises that supporting children in care and care leavers is one of the most important functions of a local authority. In the context of this work local authorities are often referred to as being the ‘corporate parent’ of these children and young people, and the critical question that local authorities should ask in our approach to the support is - **‘would this be good enough for my child?’**

### **3 Other options considered in making recommendations**

- 3.1 None – it is a requirement to publish a strategy outlining how the Council, and wider partnership, will fulfil its corporate parenting responsibilities.

### **4 Finance colleague comments (including implications and value for money/VAT)**

- 4.1 There are no financial implications at this time. Any future financial commitments that arise from the implementation of this Strategy will be subject to the Council's decision-making processes, with support and engagement from Finance colleagues.

### **5 Legal and Procurement colleague comments (including risk management issues, and legal, Crime and Disorder Act and procurement implications)**

- 5.1 There are no legal or procurement implications at this time. Any future activity that arises from the implementation of this Strategy will be subject to the Council's decision-making processes, with support and engagement from relevant colleagues.

### **6 Strategic Assets & Property colleague comments (for decision relating to all property assets and associated infrastructure) (Area Committee reports only)**

- 6.1 None

### **7 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)**

- 7.1 Has the equality impact of the proposals in this report been assessed?

No



An EIA is not required because:

An EIA will be completed alongside the final version of this report but, as the Strategy is still subject of further consultation an EIA is not available at this time.

### **8 List of background papers other than published works or those disclosing confidential or exempt information**

- 8.1 None

### **9 Published documents referred to in compiling this report**

- 9.1 Applying Corporate Parenting Principles to Looked-After Children and Care Leavers (DfE; February 2018)
- 9.2 Local Offer Guidance: Guidance for local authorities (DfE; February 2018)