

Report to:	Cabinet	Date of Meeting:	27 July 2017
Subject:	Corporate Parenting Board Strategy and Annual Report		
Report of:	Director of Social Care and Health	Wards Affected:	(All Wards);
Portfolio:	Cabinet Member - Children, Schools and Safeguarding		
Is this a Key Decision:	No	Included in Forward Plan:	No
Exempt / Confidential Report:	No		

Summary:

The Corporate Parenting Board has developed this Strategy to set out Sefton Council's vision and commitment and explains how we, as the Council, will be an effective and trustworthy corporate parent for any child or young person who is in our care Irrespective of their age, gender, sexuality, ethnicity, faith or disability.

Recommendation(s):

Cabinet to promote and support the role of every elected member in their Corporate Parenting responsibilities and recognises Cabinets role in the governance structure.

Reasons for the Recommendation(s):

Every good parent knows that children require a safe and secure environment in which to grow and thrive. Parents protect and support their children against the dangers and risks of life. Parents are ambitious for them and want them to reach their potential. Parents celebrate and share in their achievements. A child who is cared for by the Council has the right to expect everything from a corporate parent that would be expected from a good parent.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: (including any Risk Implications)

N/A

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs

There are no revenue financial implications arising from this report

(B) Capital Costs

There are no capital financial implications arising from this report

Implications of the Proposals:

Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets):
Legal Implications:
Equality Implications: There are no equality implications

Contribution to the Council's Core Purpose:

Protect the most vulnerable: Looked After children are some of the most vulnerable young people in our communities and as such our role as Corporate Parents is key to ensuring they are safe and protected.
Facilitate confident and resilient communities: Through the Corporate Parenting Board we ensure that as Council we have high aspirations for our looked after children
Commission, broker and provide core services: We provide and commission a range of services for our looked after children to ensure they remain safe and are able to attain and achieve.
Place – leadership and influencer:
Drivers of change and reform:
Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity: As corporate parents and through the corporate parenting board we support our looked after children, through education , employment and training.
Greater income for social investment:
Cleaner Greener

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

(A) Internal Consultations

The Head of Corporate Resources (FD 4740/17) and Head of Regulation and Compliance (LD.4024/17.) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

(B) External Consultations

N/A

Following the expiry of the “call-in” period for the Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting

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Appendices:

There are two appendices to this report

Background Papers:

There are no background papers available for inspection.

Appendices

- Corporate Parenting Strategy
- Corporate Parenting Annual Report