

SUBJECT: Corporate Parenting Strategy 2018 - 2021

MEETING: CYP Select Committee

DATE: 24th January 2018

DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED: All

1. PURPOSE:

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide members with the opportunity to scrutinise and contribute to the development of the Corporate Parenting Strategy 2018 – 2021 (appendix 1).

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

2.1 It is recommended that members:

- Scrutinise the draft Corporate Parenting Strategy and make recommendations, if required, as to its further development;
- Endorse the development of the strategy including the plan to seek further consultation with other key stake-holders.

3. KEY ISSUES:

3.1 Under the Social Services and Well-Being Act (Wales) 2014, it is a statutory requirement for every council to safeguard and promote the welfare of each child it looks after, and every care leaver. The Corporate Parenting Strategy and Action Plan sets out how the Council understands this responsibility and proposes to meet the statutory requirement over the next three year period.

3.2 In Monmouthshire County Council, “Our aspirations for the children and young people that we look after are the same as any good parent would want for their children. Where they need it children and young people will receive the very best possible standards of care and support” (Where I am Safe Strategy 2016).

3.3 This is the second iteration of the Corporate Parenting Strategy and builds on a review and appraisal of the first. The strategy is based on an overview of the current context including the profile of our Look After Children, young people and Care Leavers.

3.4 This is the initial stages of consultation for the revised strategy, with the intention to seek final approval at Cabinet in April 2018. Following CYP select further consultation is proposed including:

- Corporate Panel Members
- Young people's participation group
- Foster carers
- Operational social work teams and placement & support team
- Senior Leadership Team.

3.5 The Corporate Parenting Strategy and Action Plan will be delivered and monitored through the Corporate Parenting Panel.

4. OPTIONS APPRAISAL

N/A

5. EVALUATION CRITERIA

N/A

6. REASONS:

6.1 The previous Corporate Parenting Strategy 2014 – 2017 is now out of date and a new strategy for the next three year period is required.

7. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There are no additional resource implications identified as a consequence of this report.

8. WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS IMPLICATIONS (INCORPORATING EQUALITIES, SUSTAINABILITY, SAFEGUARDING AND CORPORATE PARENTING):

N/A

9. CONSULTEES:

- Claire Marchant, Chief Officer, Social Care and Health
- Chair and Members of Corporate Parenting Panel

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

- Appendix 1



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