

SUBJECT:	CORPORATE PARENTING ANNUAL REPORT
MEETING:	FULL COUNCIL
DATE:	24TH SEPTEMBER
DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED:	ALL

1. PURPOSE:

To provide an annual update on Corporate Parenting to full Council.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that Councillors take note of the attached report and give further consideration to their personal role and commitment as Corporate Parents.

3. KEY ISSUES:

- 3.1 The data in the report relates to 2014/15 with education data relating to Summer 2014 results.
- 3.2 This is the third annual report to be presented to Council and the first report to include information specifically regarding the risk profile of Monmouthshire's looked after children.

4. REASONS:

- 4.1 Primary legislation outlines in broad terms the Council's responsibility to children in its care. The Children Act 1989 and the Children and Young Person's Act 2008 gives a clear message that all Councils and in particular Elected Members carry responsibility for ensuring good outcomes for children currently and formerly looked after by the local authority.
- 4.2 This report is part of the process of ensuring that Members have sufficient information to enable them to fulfil their corporate parenting responsibilities and ensure the best possible outcomes for the children of Monmouthshire. It is intended that this report will give a snapshot of our care and highlight to Elected Members the strengths, weaknesses and developments in Corporate Parenting in any given year.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

None

6. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS:

The significant equality impacts identified in the assessment (Appendix 1) are summarised below for members' consideration:

Complete

The actual impacts from this report's recommendations will be reviewed every **xxx** years and criteria for monitoring and review will include:

Complete

7. SAFEGUARDING AND CORPORATE PARENTING IMPLICATIONS

This report is central to supporting Council to understand safeguarding issues for all of the Council's Looked After Children.

8. CONSULTEES:

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9. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

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