

14 September 2021		ITEM: 10
Corporate Parenting Committee		
Corporate Parenting Committee Annual Report 2020/2021		
Wards and communities affected: All	Key Decision: Non-Key	
Report of: Kenna-Victoria Healey, Senior Democratic Services Officer		
Accountable Assistant Director: Janet Simon, Interim Assistant Director of Children's Social Care and Early Help		
Accountable Director: Shelia Murphy, Corporate Director Of Children's Services		
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Executive Summary

This report introduces the Corporate Parenting Annual Report, which was requested by the Leader following a Member Training session.

1. Recommendation(s)

- 1.1 That the contents of the Corporate Parenting Annual Report 2020/2021 be noted.**
- 1.2 That the Corporate Parenting Annual Report be referred to Full Council, to share the work of Committee and their main achievements for 2020/2021 municipal year.**

2. Introduction and Background

- 2.1** Each year Members are invited to a variety of training sessions, to assist them with their roles sitting on Committees. Following the Corporate Parenting Training held Wednesday 17 July 2019, it was requested that an Annual Report be produced detailing the work of Committee and their main achievements for that municipal year. The report is designed to inform residents of this work in an accessible and engaging format.
- 2.2** The last municipal year has seen the Corporate Parenting Committee tackle a wide range of topics, with Members leading on issues that have come to the fore both through their own research but also by understanding the issues that have arisen in the community.

3. Issues, Options and Analysis of Options

- 3.1 It is hoped that the format of the Annual Report will highlight to residents how the Corporate Parenting Committee have picked relevant community issues and how Members undertook work to form recommendations that positively affected these issues.
- 3.2 The report will be published on the Council's website and key community groups and participants from last year's work will be made aware of its publication directly.

4. Reasons for Recommendation

- 4.1 The report outlines the positive work that has been undertaken during 2020/2021 and will be referred to Council for review in order for Members to comment on the overall work of the Corporate Parenting Committee.

5. Consultation (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)

- 5.1 The Chair of the Corporate Parenting Committee has been consulted on the contents of the report.

6. Impact on corporate policies, priorities, performance and community impact

- 6.1 The positive impact of the work of the Corporate Parenting committee for 2020/2021, in driving forward issues in relation to looked after children and care leavers to ensure Members are fully involved and engaged in their Corporate Parenting responsibilities.

7. Implications

7.1 Financial

Implications verified by: **David May**
Strategic Lead Finance

There are no direct financial implications arising out of this report.

7.2 Legal

Implications verified by: **Judith Knight**

Interim Deputy Head of Legal (Social Care and Education)

The Children and Social Work Act 2017 introduced the corporate parenting principles and these are subject to statutory guidance https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/683698/Applying_corporate_parenting_principles_to_looked-after_children_and_care_leavers.pdf

The report provides assurance that the Council is fulfilling its statutory duties.

7.3 Diversity and Equality

Implications verified by: **Rebecca Lee**
Team Manager – Community Development and Equalities

The Corporate Parenting Committee recognises the role and importance of diversity and equality and adheres to the Equality Act 2010 and related requirements. All work in 2020/2021 sought to include looked after children and care leavers as appropriate.

7.4 Other implications (where significant) – i.e. Staff, Health, Sustainability, Crime and Disorder, or Impact on Looked After Children)

None.

8. Background papers used in preparing the report (including their location on the Council's website or identification whether any are exempt or protected by copyright):

- Agenda, Reports and Minutes of meetings of the Corporate Parenting Committee are available from:

<http://democracy.thurrock.gov.uk/thurrock/>

9. Appendices to the report

- Appendix 1: Corporate Parenting Annual Report 2020/2021

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