

DECISION-MAKER:	COUNCIL		
SUBJECT:	CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2013/14		
DATE OF DECISION:	19 NOVEMBER 2014		
REPORT OF:	CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SAFEGUARDING		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

None

BRIEF SUMMARY

The Council are asked to note the attached Annual Report 2013/14, endorse the Southampton pledge promises to looked after children and care leavers.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) To note the contents of the report.
- (ii) To sign up to the pledge to looked after children.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

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 council.
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 our city. It is intended that this report will give a snapshot of our care and highlight to Elected Members and the public, the strengths, weaknesses and developments in Corporate Parenting in any given year.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

3. None, as this is an area of statutory responsibility.

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

4. This is the first such report of the work of the Corporate Parenting Committee.
5. The report considers activity in relation to the range of statutory activities of the council and its corporate parenting activity and the impact on outcomes for looked after children and care leavers.
6. Data contained in the report relates to the period to 31 March 2014, the last

full year when data was available. Education figures take account of the summer 2014 results.

7. The report contains details in section 10 of participation and feedback from young people and foster carers.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

8. There are no new resource implications arising from this report.

Property/Other

9. None

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

10. None.

Other Legal Implications:

11. None

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

12. The annual report details activity and outcomes for looked after children and care leavers. All council policies should be considered in the context of possible implications on the council's statutory corporate parenting responsibility for looked after children and care leavers.

KEY DECISION? No

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED: ALL

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

1. Corporate Parenting Committee Annual Report 2013/14

Documents In Members' Rooms

1. None

Equality Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) to be carried out. No

Other Background Documents

Equality Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:

- | Title of Background Paper(s) | Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable) |
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| 1. None | |