

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION CABINET

ITEM:	CORPORATE PARENTING STRATEGY 2017-2020
Members Present:	Councillors: AW Johnson (Leader), H Bramer, D Harlow, J Lester, P Rone, N Shaw.
Date of Decision:	20 July 2017
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
This is a key decision because it is likely to be significant having regard to: the strategic nature of the decision; and / or whether the outcome will have an impact, for better or worse, on the amenity of the community or quality of service provided by the authority to a significant number of people living or working in the locality (two or more wards) affected.	
A notice was served in accordance with Part 3, Section 9 (Publicity in connection with key decisions) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.	
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	To approve and endorse the Corporate Parenting strategy.
Decision:	THAT: the Corporate Parenting strategy and action plan at appendix A, as amended, are approved.
Reasons for the Decision:	<p>The Children and Social Work Act 2017 has recently been given Royal Assent and defines for the first time in law the expectations of councils in relation to their corporate parenting responsibilities. To be able to evidence the council's commitment and action in relation to these responsibilities it is necessary to have a strategy.</p> <p>Corporate parenting is a responsibility of all elected members and officers within the council as well as statutory partners. A strategy enables the council and its partners to be clear about priorities, what needs to be done and by who if change is to be achieved. To be effective the strategy needs to be understood and owned by all councillors.</p>
Options Considered:	The council does not adopt a Corporate Parenting strategy. This would make it difficult to evidence the council's commitment to corporate parenting or to define what difference it was aiming to achieve and to evaluate what difference it had made in improving outcomes for looked after children and care leavers.
Conflict of Interest ■ (See below):	
Date the key decision is due to take	26 July 2017

effect:	
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- a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;

And

- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted by the relevant local authority's head of paid service.