

Report of the Chair of the Corporate Parenting Forum

Council – 17 December 2015

CORPORATE PARENTING FORUM ANNUAL REPORT & CORPORATE PARENTING FORUM CHALLENGE REPORT

Purpose:	The reports present the work of the Corporate Parenting Forum throughout 2014/15 and covers actions identified in the 2013 / 14 Annual Report, and key recommendations from inspections.
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FOR INFORMATION

1. Background

- 1.1 The concept of corporate parenting was introduced in 1998 by the Secretary of State, Frank Dobson, who outlined the duties of members towards looked after children.

“For children who are looked after, your council has a legal and moral duty to try to provide the kind of loyal support that any good parents would give to their children...you should do your utmost to make sure that those children in public care get a good start in life...”

- 1.2 This is the third Corporate Parenting Annual Report and will be presented to Full Council on December 17th 2015.
- 1.3 The full reports are attached for information

2. Equality and Engagement Implications

An EIA screening has taken place, and a full EIA report is not required.

3. Legal Implications

The Children Act 2004 requires The City and County of Swansea to be satisfied that there is:

- Effective policy in place
- Mechanisms to support the participation of LAC
- Good scrutiny to inform improvement of their corporate parenting arrangements.

4. Financial Implications

4.1 There are no financial implications.

Background papers: None

Appendices: Appendix A – Corporate Parenting Forum Annual Report
Appendix B – Corporate Parenting Forum Challenge Report