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To: County Council – 18 December 2025

Subject: Corporate Parenting Annual Report 2025

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary:

This is the Corporate Parenting Annual Report for 2025. The report was presented to the Corporate Parenting Panel on 9 December, where it was noted and endorsed.

The report is presented to County Council for consideration and noting by all Members.

Recommendation(s):

County Council is asked to:

- (a) **NOTE** the Corporate Parenting Annual Report 2025.
- (b) **NOTE** the responsibilities as Corporate Parents, to be a champion for our children and care experienced adults.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Corporate Parenting Annual Report was first requested in 2018 by the Corporate Parenting Panel, to be written annually for the elected members, to detail the work of the services and the support Kent County Council provide to our children and young people in care.
- 1.2 The report details the corporate parenting responsibilities for Kent County Council staff, elected members and partner agencies and is a summary of the work undertaken during the full year period for 2025.
- 1.3 Our annual report provides an overview of the role and work of our key Corporate Parenting services:
 - Kent Fostering including the Kinship Service
 - Adoption Partnership *Southeast*
 - Participation and Engagement Team
 - 18+ Care Leavers Service including the Supported Accommodation Service, Kent Supported Homes
 - Total Placement Service

2. Legal implications

- 2.1 Corporate Parenting is a statutory responsibility as defined under The Children and Social Work Act (2017). Kent County Council are ambitious for our children and young people and committed to providing them the best possible opportunities to thrive and reach their full potential whilst they are in our care.

3. Conclusions

- 3.1 Being a corporate parent is a joint responsibility for all Kent County Council staff, elected members and partner agencies and we welcome support from the Corporate Parenting Panel to achieve this. All elected members are encouraged to show their support as a corporate parent by championing for our children and young people and meeting them directly through attending our participation events throughout the year.

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5. Appendices

Appendix 1 - Corporate Parenting Annual Report 2025.

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