

From: Sue Chandler - Cabinet Member for Integrated Children's Services
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To: County Council – 19 December 2024

Subject: Corporate Parenting Annual Report 2024

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary:

The Corporate Parenting Annual Report for 2024 was presented to the Corporate Parenting Panel on 10 December, where it was noted and endorsed.

The CPP Annual Report is here presented to County Council for consideration and noting by all Members.

Recommendation:

County Council is asked to NOTE the annual report and associated Member responsibilities as corporate parents.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Corporate Parenting Annual Report was first requested in 2018 by the Corporate Parenting Panel, to be written annually for elected Members, to detail the work of the services and the support we 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 2024.
- 1.3 Our annual report provides an overview of the role and work of our key Corporate Parenting services:
 - Kent Fostering 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 value the continued support from the Corporate Parenting Panel in achieving this. All elected Members are welcome 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.

Recommendation:

County Council is asked to NOTE the Corporate Parenting Annual Report 2024 and the associated Member responsibilities as corporate parents.

5. Appendices

Appendix 1 - Corporate Parenting Annual Report 2024.

6. Contact details

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