

Decision Maker: Executive

**For Pre-Decision Scrutiny by Care Services PDS Committee
on 26th June 2014**

Date: 16th July 2013

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

Title: CORPORATE PARENTING STRATEGY

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Ward: Boroughwide

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 The aim of the multi-agency corporate parenting strategy is to build services around the needs of children and young people in the care of Bromley Council in order to maximise their opportunities and improve outcomes. The vision of the strategy is simply stated: we want for our looked after children everything that a good parent wants for their child.
 - 1.2 Members are asked to review and comment on the strategy prior to it being presented to full Council in July 2014.
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2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 2.1 **The Care Services PDS is asked to note and comment on the attached corporate parenting strategy.**
- 2.2 **The Executive are asked to approve the corporate parenting strategy in advance of it being presented to Council in July.**

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy
 2. BBB Priority: Children and Young People:
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No cost.
 2. Ongoing costs: N/A
 3. Budget head/performance centre: N/A
 4. Total current budget for this head: £
 5. Source of funding:
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): N/A
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Guidance
 2. Call-in: Applicable:
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected):
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments:

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 This strategy sets out how Bromley Council and its partner agencies intend to carry out their corporate parenting responsibilities for looked after children, young people and care leavers.
- 3.2 The strategy sets out our vision and strategic priorities to improve outcomes for looked after children in Bromley for the period 2014-2015. It identifies the key areas of focus together with the planning and governance arrangements to achieve them. The strategy is underpinned by the service business plan, related strategies for placements and care planning and various work streams within the council
- 3.3 Bromley Council is committed to doing all it can to provide high quality services that promote good outcomes for children and young people. As an authority, Members accept the responsibilities and challenges of being corporate parents, and by working together, we are confident that we can meet the needs of our looked after children, young people and care leavers.
- 3.4 Looked after children and young people are individuals who come from all walks of life and have very different aspirations, ambitions and identities. We acknowledge that they are a highly vulnerable group who require additional support and specialist services to achieve and become socially and economically independent adults. Our commitment is to support them to achieve their full potential and to celebrate their successes.
- 3.5 The attached strategy has been developed with input from members of the corporate parenting strategy group and endorsed, following some minor amendments, by the Executive Working Party for Safeguarding and Corporate Parenting on the 29 April 2014.

Non-Applicable Sections:	FINANCIAL PERSONNEL POLICY LEGAL IMPLICATIONS
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	