Meeting: Corporate Parenting Panel

Date: 5 March 2012

Subject: Children in Care Council Annual Report for 2011/12

Report of: Cllr Mark Versallion, Executive Member for Children's Services.

Summary: Attached at Appendix A and Appendix B is the Children in Care Council

Annual Report for 2011/12 and the Looked After Children and Young People's Participation Work Programme 2011/12. The Committee is

asked to comment on the reports.

Contact Officer: Catherine Parry, Assistant Director Children's Services

Operations

Public/Exempt: Public

Wards Affected: All

Function of: Council

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

The reports support Priority 2 of the Central Bedfordshire's Strategic Plan 2009-11: Educating, protecting and providing opportunities for children and young people. The reports also support priority 2 of the Children and Young People's Plan 2011-2014: Protecting children and keeping them safe.

Financial:

1. There are no financial implications for the Council.

Legal:

2. There are no legal implications for the Council.

Risk Management:

3. Regulatory Risks: Failure to report to Members would be a breach of National Guidance.

Staffing (including Trades Unions):

4. Not Applicable.

Equalities/Human Rights:

5. There are no implications for the Council.

Community Safety:

6. Not Applicable.

Sustainability:

7. Not Applicable.

Procurement:

8. Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION:

that the Corporate Parenting Panel comment on the content of the attached reports.

Appendices:

Appendix A - Children in Care Council Annual Report 2011/12

Appendix B - Looked After Children & Young People's Participation Work Programme 2011/12

Appendix C – Children in Care Council - Presentation

Background Papers: (open to public inspection) – All