

Central Bedfordshire Council

Corporate Parenting Panel

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Children in Care Council and Participation 2017-2018

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Purpose of this report

To update members on the activities of Children in Care Council Participation as detailed in the Children in Care Council and Participation Annual Report (Appendix A)

RECOMMENDATION

The Panel is asked to:

- note the content of the Children in Care Council's Annual Report 01 April 2017 to 31 March 2018.

Council Priorities

The Children and Young People's Plan March 2018-March 2021

- Identifying needs early and preventing needs from escalating - offering the right support at the right time
- Protecting vulnerable children and young people – including tackling bullying
- Supporting children and young people in their aspirations and goals in preparing for adulthood

1. Corporate Implications

To ensure that the Council's Corporate Parenting responsibilities are met.

2. Legal Implications

Statutory requirements in respect of corporate responsibilities for Looked After Children and care leavers are met.

3. Financial Implications

The activities outlined were funded by the designated budget.

4. Equalities Implications

The report acknowledges the need to increase the engagement and participation of children with disabilities and young people who are seeking asylum.

5. Conclusion and next Steps

Present the report to the Corporate Parenting Panel on 26th July 2018. The Annual Report makes explicit the work plan for next financial year – 01 April 2018 to 31 March 2019.

Appendices

Appendix A – Children in Care Council and Participation 2017/2018 – Annual Report
Appendix B – List of Children in Care Council activities provided during school holidays 2017/2018