

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	COUNCIL
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	ANNUAL CORPORATE PARENTING REPORT 2020-2021
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	23 MARCH 2022
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	COUNCILLOR PETER BAILLIE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE

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<b>STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY</b>
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<b>BRIEF SUMMARY</b>
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The Lead member for Children's Services has a statutory role that was established by the Children Act 2004. This role holds political responsibility for the leadership, strategy and effectiveness of Children's Services.
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The Lead Member provides leadership, support and challenge.
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Part of this role is to provide an annual update to members on how the council is meeting its duty as corporate parents.
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This report has been aligned to coincide with the academic year.
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<b>RECOMMENDATIONS:</b>
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	(i)	That the September 2020 – August 2021 annual corporate parenting report be adopted
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<b>REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS</b>
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1.	The appended Annual Corporate Parenting Report provides an overview of the strengths and areas for development of our corporate parenting as a City. It makes recommendations about what is required to develop the quality of our corporate parenting.
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<b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED</b>
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2.	None
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<b>DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)</b>
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3.	The annual report provides an overview of the corporate parenting duties of the local authority and our shared ethos with these, and then goes on to
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	explain the demography of our children looked after population. It also explains the context of the Covid 19 pandemic throughout this period.
4.	The report focuses on different areas of the council's strategic priorities for children in 2020-2021 and applies a corporate parenting lens to these to consider how our children looked after and care leavers are being supported against these priorities.
5.	These strategic priorities are Safe and Secure, Happy and Healthy, Resilient and Engaged, and Achieving and Aspiring.
6.	The report looks at each strategic priority in turn and comments on areas of development that are needed across the service to enhance our corporate parenting offer to our children and young people. It also highlights areas of development from our Ofsted focused visit.
7.	The report reviews the school year September 2020 to August 2021 and considers specific areas of focus for the forthcoming year to increase the impact of our corporate parenting on children looked after and care leavers. This is set in the context of the Destination 22 whole service strategic redesign of Children's Social Care and Early Help in the city and has at its heart stronger relationship-based practice with children and families at the centre and greater aspiration for children. This will include greater engagement of other directorates in the council and partners to increase the overall corporate parenting offer for our children, as launched in Love Our Children Week 2021. This launch included pledging a whole council ethos about corporate parenting
<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	
<b><u>Capital/Revenue</u></b>	
8.	Revenue costs as already agreed through the Destination 22 service redesign.
<b><u>Property/Other</u></b>	
9.	None
<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</b>	
<b><u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u></b>	
9.	Children Act 2004
<b><u>Other Legal Implications:</u></b>	
10.	None
<b>RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS</b>	
11.	None
<b>POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS</b>	
12.	None

<b>KEY DECISION?</b>	no
<b>WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:</b>	All
<b><u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u></b>	

<b>Appendices</b>	
1.	Southampton Corporate Parenting Annual Report
<b>Documents In Members' Rooms</b>	
1.	No
<b>Equality Impact Assessment</b>	
Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out.	No
<b>Data Protection Impact Assessment</b>	
Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out.	No
<b>Other Background Documents</b>	
<b>Other Background documents available for inspection at:</b>	
<b>Title of Background Paper(s)</b>	<b>Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)</b>
1.	NA