

Record of Decisions

Corporate Parents Annual Report

Decision Taker

Mayor on Thursday, 17 July 2014

Decision

That Members recognise Corporate Parents' Groups and their role as Corporate Parents, support the work of both the Officers and Members, attend recommended training, increase their efforts to attend events to support Looked after Children and specifically approve:-

- the pledge to Children in Care
- the action plan attached to the submitted report

Reason for the Decision

To ensure the Council meets its statutory duties under the Children Act 1989, the Children (Leaving Care) Act 2000, the Adoption and Children Act 2002, the Children Act 2004 and the Children and Young Persons Act 2008.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on Wednesday 30 July 2014 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

The Children Act 1989 and subsequent legislation introduced a requirement for elected members to be ultimately accountable for the quality of care provided to vulnerable children with specific responsibility to lead this work and monitor its effectiveness. This responsibility is known as 'Corporate Parenting' recognising that the role must be shared by all elected members, a range of Council departments and partner agencies.

The submitted report outlines how the role is undertaken at Torbay and proposes an action plan for 2014/15, together with a pledge from 'Corporate Parents' to children in care.

The Mayor considered the recommendations of the Council made on 17 July 2014 and his decision is set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

None

Is this a Key Decision?

No

Does the call-in procedure apply?

Yes

Declarations of interest (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the Standards Committee)

None

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Signed: _____
Mayor of Torbay

Date: 22 July 2014