

Supporting Information and Impact Assessment

Service / Policy:	Corporate Parenting Strategy
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Section 1: Background Information	
1.	What is the proposal / issue?
2.	<p>What is the current situation?</p> <p>There is a previous duty on the Local Authority to publish Corporate Parenting Strategy. To enact the duty, a children looked after 'Pledge' and Corporate Parenting Action Plan are required. A corporate Parenting Board oversees the activity ensuring that the best possible care and protection is afforded our children looked after and care leavers.</p>
3.	<p>What options have been considered?</p> <p>This section is not applicable as there is a statutory duty.</p>
4.	<p>How does this proposal support the ambitions and principles of the draft Corporate Plan 2015-19?</p> <p>This policy supports both the Corporate Plan ambitions of prosperous and healthy as a plan which will support children looked after and care leavers in Torbay to achieve the best outcomes possible.</p>
5.	<p>Who will be affected by this proposal and who do you need to consult with?</p> <p>Children and young people who are looked after by the authority and care leavers.</p>
6.	<p>How will you propose to consult?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We intend to consult with the children in care group • These young people will ensure that the voice of children and young people is brought to the board through meetings with specific members; forming a briefing paper to outline views.

Section 2: Implications and Impact Assessment

7.	What are the financial and legal implications? There are no financial or legal implications in relation to this proposal.
8.	What are the risks? There are risks associated with a decision not to endorse the proposed document in that we would be in breach of statutory requirements. . There are no risks associated with the proposed decision being made.
9.	Public Services Value (Social Value) Act 2012 Not applicable for this policy.
10.	What evidence / data / research have you gathered in relation to this proposal? Evidence with regards to best practice in work with children looked after and care leavers including Ofsted thematic reports and findings from Ofsted inspection outstanding and good authorities have been considered. Ofsted 'Best Practice seminar: looked after children
11.	What are key findings from the consultation you have carried out? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children looked after have improved outcomes where their needs are considered by the whole council• Children engage more in their planning where their views are taken into consideration even if they do not have the outcome they desired.
12.	Amendments to Proposal / Mitigating Actions

Equality Impacts

13	Identify the potential positive and negative impacts on specific groups			
		Positive Impact	Negative Impact & Mitigating Actions	Neutral Impact
	Older or younger people	Children looked after are more able to recognise the Council as a positive force in their lives where they have been engaged in service development and design.		
	People with caring Responsibilities	n/a		
	People with a disability	Looked after children and Young people with disabilities are a target group for additional support and are supported through this strategy		
	Women or men	In as much as they are care leavers.		No differential impact
	People who are black or from a minority ethnic background (BME) <i>(Please note Gypsies / Roma are within this community)</i>	Looked after children and care leavers who are black or from a minority ethnic background or are lesbian, gay bisexual or; transgendered are constituted a vulnerable group within the CLA and care leaver population. They are considered within this strategy.		
	People who are lesbian, gay or bisexual			
	People who are transgendered			
	Religion or belief (including lack of belief)			

	People who are in a marriage or civil partnership	If care leavers	
	Women who are pregnant / on maternity leave	Teenage parents or parents to be are a target group and supported through this Plan.	
	Socio-economic impacts (Including impact on child poverty issues and deprivation)		
	Public Health impacts (How will your proposal impact on the general health of the population of Torbay)	The Strategy intends to improve health outcomes through partnership working and proportionate targeting of resources	
14	Cumulative Impacts – Council wide (proposed changes elsewhere which might worsen the impacts identified above)		
15	Cumulative Impacts – Other public services (proposed changes elsewhere which might worsen the impacts identified above)		

