

The Draft Corporate Parenting Strategy

Children and Social Work Act 2017

Seven Principles

- to act in the best interests, and promote the physical and mental health and well-being, of those children and young people
- to encourage those children and young people to express their views, wishes and feelings
- to take into account the views, wishes and feelings of those children and young people
- to help those children and young people gain access to, and make the best use of, services provided by the local authority and its relevant partners

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- to promote high aspirations, and seek to secure the best outcomes, for those children and young people
- for those children and young people to be safe, and for stability in their home lives, relationships and education or work; and
- to prepare those children and young people for adulthood and independent living

Our 9 Key priorities

Priority 1: Ensure Children can remain safely at home

- *'Our Priority is to ensure that early intervention is provided at the right time to prevent the need for statutory intervention'.*

Priority 2: Care Leaver Local offer

- *'Our Priority is to ensure that all care leavers feel supported and can access a range of service to promote their continued wellbeing into adulthood'.*

Priority 3: Education, Training and Employment

- *'Our Priority is to close the attainment gap between those children and Young People that the Local Authority cares for and those that are cared for in their own families'*

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Priority 4: A Suitable Place to live and be cared for

- *'Our Priority is to ensure that the children and Young People we care for have a range of suitable and appropriate accommodation to meet their immediate and long term needs'.*

Priority 5: Health and Wellbeing

- *'Our Priority is to improve the health and wellbeing of the children and young people we care for'.*

Priority 6: Money and Financial Support

- *'Our Priority is to ensure that Young People have enough money to provide for their needs whilst in care and after they have left care and ensure that they are supported financially to establish their own homes'.*

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Priority 7: Children are protected from harm and or Risk of Exploitation

- *'Our Priority is to ensure that children are protected from harm and exploitation and ensure that they are provided with support to overcome any pull factors that would lead them to being exploited'.*

Priority 8: Children in Care and Care leaver celebration

- *'Our Priority is to ensure that the children we looked after and have looked after are recognised for their achievements'.*

Priority 9: Children and Young People have a voice in the way we deliver our services

- *'Our Priority is to ensure that children and young people are consulted and actively participate in the decisions we make about how we deliver our services'. Nothing about me without me.*

What do you think?

- Open table discussion on The Key 9 Priorities.

Next Steps

- Pledge
- Children In Care refreshed Offer
- Care Leavers Offer
- Period of consultation required... How long?
- Can we get to Cabinet for sign off July and Launch new Strategy Sept 2018 or do we take to Cabinet Sept for Launch in the Autumn?

Guidance on Corporate Parenting

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/applying-corporate-parenting-principles-to-looked-after-children-and-care-leavers>