

**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:**           **JOINT LIFELONG LEARNING AND SOCIAL &  
HEALTH CARE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY  
COMMITTEE**

**DATE:**                 **TUESDAY, 11 JUNE 2013**

**REPORT BY:**         **DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**SUBJECT:**            **CORPORATE PARENTING ACTIVITY UPDATE**

**1.00    PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.01    To provide an update to members on activity surrounding the corporate parenting responsibilities of the County Council which were first set out in “Circles of Care : Corporate Parenting in Flintshire”.

**2.00    BACKGROUND**

2.01    A guidance document “If this were my child...” was originally issued to all County Councillors in March 2005 setting out their key responsibilities as corporate parents to the children in their care. The document was re-issued in 2009.

2.02    In April 2005 Flintshire launched a corporate forum – the Children’s Services Forum – to oversee and promote corporate parenting activity within the County Council.

**3.00    CONSIDERATIONS**

3.01    The Children’s Services Forum continues to meet and has extended it’s membership to include Foster Carers; Health; Headteacher representatives, as well as senior Members and four young people representatives. The agenda items are referenced in the attached report which provides the activity update report on all areas of corporate parenting activity recently considered and undertaken.

**4.00    RECOMMENDATIONS**

4.01    That the Committee consider the report and endorse the current financial support offered to corporate parenting activity in Flintshire.

**5.00    FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.01    Since 2009 a budget has been allocated to support corporate

parenting activity within the County Council.

- 5.02 As with all good parents we are encouraged by the Welsh Government to contribute to our young people's future needs via Child Trust Funds and now Junior ISAs, details of which are contained within the attached report.

#### **6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT**

- 6.01 A commitment to the aims and objectives of the Welsh Government as set out in the guidance document(s) will ensure that children who are or were in the local authority's care will not be disadvantaged by poverty.

#### **7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

- 7.01 None directly as a result of this report.

#### **8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT**

- 8.01 None directly as a result of this report but support for our looked after children ensures that they are given equal opportunities with their peer group.

#### **9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.01 None directly as a result of this report.

#### **10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED**

- 10.01 None directly as a result of this report.

#### **11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN**

- 11.01 Four young people from the Speaking Out for Children in Care Group and the Care Leavers Support Network are standing members of the Children's Services Forum.
- 11.02 Their involvement in associated activity is described in the attached report.

#### **12.00 APPENDICES**

- 12.01 Appendix 1 : Update Report on Corporate Parenting.

#### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

- "If this were my child..." (2009) Welsh Government
- Circles of Care: Corporate Parenting in Flintshire (Policy,

Strategy and Action Plan)

- Further information on any of the issues referenced in Appendix One is available upon request.

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