



**24 January 2023**

**Agenda Item 10**

## **REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, COMMISSIONING AND RESOURCES**

### **ELECTED MEMBER VISITS TO NOTTINGHAMSHIRE CHILDREN'S RESIDENTIAL HOMES**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. The report provides the framework for Councillors to plan visits to Nottinghamshire County Council run children's homes and those provided for the sole use of the Council but run by external providers.

#### **Information**

2. The Terms of Reference for the Corporate Parenting Panel state that "Members will be expected to lead regular visits to care settings in line with local guidance accompanying as appropriate other Elected Members beyond membership of this Panel. Guidance and training will be made available".
3. It is proposed that, for the initial programme of visits, Councillors on the Panel will conduct planned visits in pairs to the list of children's homes in **Appendix 1** over the coming 12 months. During this time consideration can be given to the practicality of involving a wider group of Councillors and of some unscheduled visits.
4. For any Councillors who have not received training to support their approach to visits and engagement with young people in the homes, this will be arranged. Written guidance on the visit and on providing feedback to the Panel is also available.

#### **Other Options Considered**

5. To not establish a framework for Corporate Parenting Panel members to visit children's homes: this option is rejected as these visits represent an important part of the Panel's work in assisting the Council in fulfilling its legal corporate parenting duties and acting as an effective corporate parent.

#### **Reason/s for Recommendation/s**

6. The report provides an opportunity for the Councillors on the Panel to plan the programme of future visits.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

7. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability, and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

## **Financial Implications**

8. There are no financial implications directly arising from this report.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 1) That the Corporate Parenting Panel agrees that a programme of visits be scheduled to Nottinghamshire County Council run children's homes and those provided for the sole use of the Council but run by external providers, for the coming 12 months, as listed in **Appendix 1**.

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## **Constitutional Comments (LPW 12/01/23)**

9. The recommendation falls within the remit of the Corporate Parenting Panel by virtue of its terms of reference.

## **Financial Comments (CS 10/01/23)**

10. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

## **Background Papers and Published Documents**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

None.

**Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All.

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