

Report for: Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee – 3 October 2016

Item number:

Title: Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme Update

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Ward(s) affected: N/A

**Report for Key/
Non Key Decision:** N/A

1. Describe the issue under consideration

1.1 This report outlines how the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will review Haringey's corporate parenting responsibilities.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the work planned by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, in relation to Haringey's corporate parenting responsibilities, be noted.

3. Background Information

3.1 On 27 July 2015, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) received a report entitled "Learning from the Lessons of Rotherham – Implications for Scrutiny and Safeguarding".

3.2 This report supported OSC to be aware of the lessons from Rotherham in considering its future work programme. As a result, a number of issues were identified for further consideration by scrutiny.

3.3 In addition to work undertaken by the Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed to review how the Council performs its corporate parenting responsibilities.

3.4 Following discussion between Cllr Wright, Chair OSC, and Cllr Weston, Cabinet Member for Children and Families, on the 28th November 2016 Haringey's Overview and Scrutiny Committee will consider the following:

- [The roles and responsibilities of Haringey's Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee;](#)

- [“10 questions to ask if you’re scrutinising services for looked after children”](#)
– a publication produced by the Centre for Public Scrutiny, the Local Government Association and the National Children’s Bureau;
- Areas of work still relevant / outstanding from the [Corporate Parenting Scrutiny Review \(2011\)](#) – linked to the “10 questions” above (rather than just monitoring previous scrutiny recommendations);
- [Learning from Lessons of Rotherham](#) – Implications for Corporate Parenting;
- *Keep on Caring, Supporting Young People from Care to Independence* Ofsted Report July 2016 :
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keep-on-caring-supporting-young-people-from-care-to-independence>
- The voice of the child/young person and how this might be strengthened;
- Opportunities for scrutiny involvement moving forwards.

4. Contribution to Strategic Outcomes

- 4.1 Scrutiny work in this area will contribute to Corporate Plan Priority 1 – *“Enable every child and young person to have the best start in life, with high quality education”*.

5. Statutory Officers Comments

Finance

- 5.1 There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations set out in this report. Should any of the work undertaken by Overview and Scrutiny generate recommendations with financial implications these will be highlighted at that time.

Legal

- 5.2 There are no immediate legal implications arising from the report.

Equality

- 5.3 The Council has a public sector equality duty under the Equalities Act (2010) to have due regard to:
- Tackle discrimination and victimisation of persons that share the characteristics protected under S4 of the Act. These include the characteristics of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex (formerly gender) and sexual orientation;

- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share those protected characteristics and people who do not;
- Foster good relations between people who share those characteristics and people who do not.

5.4 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee will ensure it addresses these duties by considering them in relation to work on corporate parenting. This will include considering:

- How policy issues impact on different groups within the community, particularly those that share the nine protected characteristics;
- Whether the impact on particular groups is fair and proportionate;
- Whether there is equality of access to services and fair representation of all groups within Haringey;
- Whether any positive opportunities to advance equality of opportunity and/or good relations between people, are being realised.

6. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

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