

**Open Report on behalf of Janice Spencer OBE,
Interim Director of Children's Services**

Report to:	Corporate Parenting Panel
Date:	25 July 2019
Subject:	Review of the Looked After Children and Care Leaver Strategy Action Plan

Summary:

The Looked After Children and Care Leaver Strategy is a key document guiding the work and activity of the Council, as the Corporate Parent, as to how we will design and develop services to support young people in our care. The Strategy was written and agreed in 2018 and this is the first review of the action plan.

The action plan is designed to track the activity that is working to achieve the aspirations set out in the strategy. This strategy is the first of its kind to be developed on a multi-agency basis and is supported by the LSCP and all the partners.

Actions Required:

Members of the Corporate Parenting Panel are requested to review the progress against the priorities and actions identified in the Looked After Children & Care Leavers Strategy Action Plan, and highlight any recommendations or actions for future consideration.

1. Background

The Looked After Children and Care Leavers Strategy is a key document guiding the work of the authority and its partners when working with and supporting our young people. The document was written in conjunction with all of the key partners and set out how the organisations will all work to meet the current and future needs of all our young people.

The LAC and Care Leaver strategy is designed to support young people to become independent and proactive adults. The Strategy sets out the next 3 years activity and our aspirations.

This paper covers the action plan of activity designed to deliver against the strategy. The paper is designed to assure members of the breadth and depth of activity taking place across Lincolnshire to support our LAC and Care Leavers.

It is worthy to note that a considerable amount of progress has been made in relation to the contribution from wider partners, in particular the Districts Councils and health partners. A clear and comprehensive health history now follows each Looked After young person, and the offer to Care Leavers from the District Councils has alleviated pressures in finding young people suitable accommodation.

2. Conclusion

Members of the Corporate Parenting Panel are requested to review the progress against the priorities and actions identified in the Looked After Children & Care Leavers Strategy Action Plan, and recommend any changes or actions for future consideration.

3. Consultation

a) Have Risks and Impact Analysis been carried out?

N/A

b) Risks and Impact Analysis

N/A

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Looked After Children & Care Leavers Strategy Action Plan Priorities, Actions & Progress

5. Background Papers

Document title	Where the document can be viewed
Lincolnshire Looked After Children and Care Leavers Strategy 2018-2021	https://lincolnshire.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s22631/6.0%20LAC%20Care%20Leavers%20Drafft%20Strategy.pdf

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