

Committee:	Dated:
Safeguarding Sub- Committee	12/05/2022
Subject: Pan London Children in Care Council	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	N
If so, how much?	£
What is the source of Funding?	
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	N/A
Report of: Partnership for Young London	For Information
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Summary

This report provides an update on the Pan London Children in Care Council (CiCC) which is sponsored by the Corporation of London in conjunction with the Association of London Directors of Children's Services (ALDCS). The report covers progress on the Pan London CiCC in terms of deliverables, outcomes and partnerships developed.

The programme is facilitated by Partnership for Young London as part of a contract via the City of London Corporation. The Pan London CiCC aims to improve outcomes for young people who experience care across the region. It ensures that young people are at the core of regional planning and decision-making and focuses on developing cross-sector partnerships that collaborate to ensure that care-experienced young people have access to jobs, financial support, emotional health, and wellbeing services to support them to achieve their ambitions and thrive. This work is part of the Pan London Corporate Parenting Responsibilities and is supported by London Councils, ALDCS, Health, and local authorities.

Recommendation

Members are asked to:

- Note the report.

Main Report

Background

The Pan London CiCC is funded by the ALDCS and sponsored by the City of London Corporation. Partnership for Young London facilitates the Pan London CiCC, with the remit to:

- recruit two young people who are care-experienced to run the Pan London CiCC
- support care-experienced young people to engage in policy and practice decisions across the region
- bring together regional partnerships to enhance the regional offer for care-experienced young people
- take a lead role with London Councils and ALDCS on the Pan London Offer for Care Leavers, including running working groups and supporting youth engagement
- facilitate regional research with young people on issues they are keen to explore
- run the pan London CiCC sessions on a bimonthly basis, and facilitate the youth advisory board
- run training and capacity-building programmes for young people and staff working in the sector.

In the last six months we have:

- recruited two young people to lead the work
- facilitated a youth-led event with ALDCS on the Pan London Offer with more than 90 participants
- run a panel session with the National Network for Virtual Headteachers on young people's needs in education
- researched and presented at the Healthy London Partnership Board on the need for free prescriptions for care leavers
- worked with London councils and ALDCS to establish the governance arrangements for the Pan London Offer
- recruited two young people who are care-experienced to sit on the Youth Recovery Board for the Greater London Authority (GLA)
- commenced research across London on the provision of mentoring
- facilitated five Participation Workers Network meetings
- worked with the GLA to host three networks on supporting care leavers: Health, Business Sector, Universities

Current Position

1. Currently the following work is underway:

- Pan London Offer – Young people will be co-chairing the Pan London Offer work streams. These groups cover: Housing, Health, Financial Offer,

Transport, Education and Training, and Data. These will be cross-sector working groups who will report into ALDCS.

- Pan London CiCC – we will be facilitating the Pan London CiCC with representatives from across all London boroughs in May and August.
- Advisory Board – monthly meetings of the youth advisory board to help shape the work of the Pan London CiCC
- Participation Workers Network – there will be monthly meetings for all representatives from across London, sharing practice, undertaking training and research.
- Leaving Care Networks Leads – with the GLA we will be supporting three regional events with key partners on thematic areas such as support for care-leavers at university.
- Young Inspectors training – we will be running training for workers and young people on becoming Young Inspectors so they can inspect other CiCC services.
- Mentoring research – we will be reviewing the mentoring offer across London for care-experienced young people and presenting that to the GLA and London councils.

Options

2. The work covered in the current position outlines all the outcomes. They are all budgeted for in the existing contract. The agreed outcomes for this work are:
 - a) Increased engagement across London of young people in care and care leavers in regional decision-making, including:
 - case studies on key events such as Mayoral Hustings, Meetings at the GLA
 - timeline of the activities and the results
 - feedback from regional partners
 - increased attendance at meetings by young people.
 - b) Increased skills, and abilities to influence regional and national priorities for young people in care and care leavers, including:
 - training feedback forms on distance travelled
 - blogs or podcasts from young people
 - feedback at CiCC sessions.
 - c) London-wide collaboration in identifying and working to address the needs of young people in care and care leavers, including:
 - case studies on work completed
 - database and timeline on activities undertaken and the cross-section of partners engaged
 - reports and data from research and events
 - evidence of implementation of recommendations across London boroughs

- youth-led research creating a higher profile of key issues being faced by young people in care and care leavers.
- d) Raising awareness and increasing the profile of key issues faced by young people in care and care leavers, including:
- data capture on engagement
 - quarterly update reports including feedback from meetings
 - case studies – that is, interviews with decision-makers.
- e) CiCC engagement in City Children Services Provision and monitoring, including:
- feedback from participants
 - quarterly update report

Proposals

N/A

Key Data

3. Outputs

- six regional CiCC meetings with more than 120 young people
- six youth advisory board meetings with up to 30 young people
- 11 meetings with participation workers from across all London boroughs
- outreach work to up to five London borough CiCCs per year
- four training sessions for the Pan London CiCC members with 80 young people
- two youth-led research projects facilitated with 50 young people – to be set (that is, Pan London Offer and transitions to independent living to be agreed with young people)
- three roundtable meetings with policy leads across London and nationally
- gathering data on the local offer across all London boroughs
- 20 email bulletins on policy and practice to participation workers, showcasing opportunities for young people.

Corporate & Strategic Implications

4. Strategic implications – None.

5. Financial implications – This project has restricted funding for two years.

6. Resource implications – This project is funded for two years.
7. Legal implications – None.
8. Risk implications – All programmes are supported by risk assessments across the organisation, and this is presented to trustees on a bimonthly basis.
9. Equalities implications – This work aligns with the Public Sector Equality Duty, and we are clear that the work will be focused on supporting those who are protected by existing equality legislation – age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership, and pregnancy and maternity.
10. Climate implications – All this work is aligned with the organisation environmental policies, and we work to ensure that we assess the climate impact across all of our respective work streams. Staff and young people use public transport to get to work, we facilitate a range of our programmes online to reduce environmental impact.
11. Security implications – None.

Conclusion

12. This report contains an update on the work of the Pan London CiCC and our proposals for the future. The work is closely aligned with the City of London Children in Care Council, and we continue to work together to improve outcomes for young people.

Appendices

- None.

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