

Committee: Community and Children's Services	Dated: 04/07/2024
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
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	N
If so, how much?	£0
What is the source of Funding?	
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	Not Applicable
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Summary

This report outlines the work underway as part of the Pan London Children in Care Council (CiCC), which is jointly funded by the City of London Corporation and Association of London Directors of Children's Services (ALDCS). The report highlights the key activities that have taken place over the last year and their impact.

This covers the following areas:

1. The Pan London CiCC
2. The Pan London Compact for Care Leavers
3. Shining Stars Celebration
4. Voter ID Programme funded by the Greater London Authority (GLA)
5. My Covenant Partnership

Recommendation

Members are asked to:

- Note the report.

Main Report

Background

1. Partnership for Young London is funded to run the Pan London CiCC. This work has a number of aspects that aim to involve care-experienced young people in regional planning and decision-making. Key aspects of the work include:

- Facilitating the Pan London CiCC meetings to bring together representatives from CiCCs from all boroughs.
- To host the Pan London Participation Workers Network to share resources and best practice and create links across all boroughs
- To facilitate regional roundtable discussions with a range of policy-makers to amplify the voices and views of care-experienced young people
- Facilitate the Pan London CiCC Advisory Board to shape the work programme and engage young people in work prioritisation.

Current Position

2. The work undertaken over the last year includes the following:

- Pan London Compact Work – The Pan London CiCC is a key part of the Pan London Governance Group for the Compact with the ALDCS, London Councils, London Innovation and Improvement Alliance (LLIA), NHS London, Department for Education, and others. The Pan London Compact aims to create a set of standardised offers for care leavers across London. This includes co-chairing the sub-groups focusing on Education, Training and Employment, Health, Transport and Housing.
- This includes the launch of the Pan London Compact at the Livery Hall in March 2024, with more than 140 people, including the Minister for Care Leavers and the Head of NHS London.
- Wider Engagement – We hosted roundtable sessions with London funders to highlight the work of the CiCC and explore how independent funders can add value to this work. We facilitated sessions with Business in the Community on the role of the private sector, and took part in a roundtable meeting about Youth Loneliness, with the National Advisor for Care Leavers with MP Stuart Andrews and cross-departmental leads. We also hosted two sessions for care-experienced young people at King’s College and University College London.
- Family Court Judges – We hosted meetings with Central Family Court with Councillor Ruby Sayed to assess how care leavers’ voices inform decision-making processes.
- Shining Stars – We worked with the Network of Virtual Headteachers across London to host an inaugural celebration of care-experienced young people hosted at the Old Library. This was supported by a video welcome from the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, and attended by the Town Clerk, Ian Thomas. We are now aiming to make this an annual event for London.
- Voter ID and Voter Registration – We secured additional funding to run engagement events across London with CiCCs and the National Leaving Care Benchmarking Forum to profile the changes in terms of Voter ID and to encourage care-experienced young people to exercise their right to vote.

- My Covenant – We have been developing a partnership with My Covenant across London, supporting their work and the offers they have secured for care leavers. A key Government policy commitment in 2016 was a strategic pledge to introduce a Care Leaver Covenant. The Covenant is a promise made by the private, public and voluntary sectors to provide support for care leavers aged 16 to 25 years to help them to live independently. We have worked to launch these offers across London and will be hosting a new member of staff paid for by My Covenant to increase uptake across London.

Options

3. Moving forward we will be completing the following:

- Pan London CiCC meetings across all London Boroughs over the next six months
- Working with the Governance Group for the Pan London Compact and facilitating the working groups
- Working with Business in the Community to create opportunities for care leavers
- Continued engagement with the Family Court judges, leading to an event in September 2024
- Supporting the Shining Stars event for 2024 at Inner Temple for all London boroughs
- Working with My Covenant to recruit a new member of staff to join the team to ensure that offers being developed for care leavers are communicated effectively across London.

Proposals

4. The work detailed above is the proposed work plan for the Pan London CiCC until October 2024

Key Data

5. The data we have gathered to date includes the following:

- Hosted the launch of the Pan London Compact for 140 leads across London
- Co-hosted the Shining Stars Celebration with 170 leads from across London Boroughs
- Facilitated four Pan London CiCC meetings with 100 young people
- Hosted 10 sessions for more than 70 participation leads across London and a wider group of partners.

Corporate & Strategic Implications

6. Strategic implications – None

7. Financial implications – None

8. Resource implications – None
9. Legal implications – None
10. Risk implications – None
11. Equalities implications – This programme targets care-experienced young people who may have been through a number of challenges. It also includes young people from minoritised communities, those with additional needs, and with insecure immigration status.
12. Climate implications – None
13. Security implications – None

Conclusion

14. This report outlines the ongoing work of the Pan London CiCC and its impact across London over the last year.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – The Pan London Compact can be viewed here <https://www.partnershipforyounglondon.org.uk/post/the-pan-london-care-leavers-compact>

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