

# CITY OF LONDON CORPORATE PARENTING STRATEGY 2025–2028

For Children in Care & Care Leavers

## WHAT IS CORPORATE PARENTING

When you're in care, the City of London Corporation acts like your parent.

That means we:

- Keep you safe and cared for.
- Support your health, education & wellbeing.
- Help you stay connected to the people who matter to you.
- Prepare you for independence.
- Listen to your voice and act on it.

It's more than just a law – it's a promise to be there for you.

## WHY DOES IT MATTER

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- We're a small community, so you get personalised support.
- Ofsted rated our service Outstanding (2024).
- You've told us that consistent, caring social workers make the biggest difference.

• Our vision: for every young person in care or leaving care to feel safe, valued, and supported.

## HOW WE HEARD YOUR VIEWS

We asked you through the Annual Coram Voice Survey (2025) and Children in Care Council.

Here's what you said:

- ✓ Happy with your homes.
- ✓ Know how to get health support.
- ✓ The Virtual School is helpful.
- ⚠ Housing can sometimes feel temporary.
- ⚠ Emotional wellbeing needs more focus.
- ⚠ Barriers like disability, money & internet access can get in the way.

**WE'VE LISTENED – AND WE'RE ACTING.**

# Our Priorities (2025–2028)

## Homes

- Safe, supportive, long-term homes.
- Housing for care leavers that feels stable and positive.

## Health & Wellbeing

- GP and dentist checks for all.
- More mental health and wellbeing support.
- Interpreters and advocates for new arrivals.

## Your Voice

- Children in Care Council meets at least 6 times a year.
- “You Said, We Did” to show real changes.
- More ways to share your views (WhatsApp, email, creative projects).

## Independence

- Life skills training (budgeting, tenancy, cooking, digital skills).
- Priority housing for care leavers.
- Support continues after 18 – and even beyond 25 if needed.

## Education, Training & Jobs

- Strong education plans for every child in care.
- 10% of City apprenticeships saved for care leavers.
- More tuition, enrichment & job support.

## HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU AS YOUR VOICE SHAPES OUR SERVICES!

✉ PARTICIPATION TEAM EMAIL:

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📱 JOIN THE CHILDREN IN CARE COUNCIL TO SHARE IDEAS AND MAKE CHANGE HAPPEN.