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Summary

This report presents to Members the document *Corporate Parenting Annual Report 2015/16*. The annual report provides an overview of the City of London Corporation's role as a corporate parent, and the outcomes that have been achieved for the children and young people in our care.

The annual report illustrates that the City provides good care to looked after children, supports their achievements and safeguards them from harm. It also sets out a number of priorities and actions for the coming year.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- Note the report.

Main Report

Background

1. *Corporate Parenting Annual Report 2015/16* provides Members with an overview of the City Corporation's role as a corporate parent, and the outcomes that have been achieved for the children in our care. As a corporate parent, the City has a moral and legal duty to provide support, care and encouragement to the children and young people it looks after to help them reach their full potential.
2. The annual report is being presenting to Members of the Safeguarding Sub Committee, in its role as the Corporate Parenting Board, to enable scrutiny of the performance of the City Corporation in this role.

Current Position

3. The annual report provides an overview of the profile of the children in our care, and reports on the City's performance in meeting key measures of health and wellbeing, and in providing stable, quality foster homes for children to be cared in. It sets out the actions taken to safeguard children from harm, and the work undertaken to support children to maximise their educational attainment or their engagement with training and employment.
4. The report also describes how the Children in Care Council has thrived in its second year of existence, and the impact of bringing the Independent Reviewing Officer Service in house.
5. The City's support for the children in our care is strong. Statistical measures of performance are better than those reported nationally, or by local authorities considered to be our statistical neighbours. However, the City continues to strive to improve, and the report sets out a number of areas for development and priorities to be delivered in 2016/17.

Corporate & Strategic Implications

6. The City's role in supporting children in our care to achieve their full potential contributes to the fulfilment of the priorities of the Department of Community and Children's Services Business Plan, the Children and Young People's Plan and the Corporate Parenting Strategy.

Conclusion

7. The City of London continues to deliver a strong corporate parenting role that is helping the children and young people in our care to thrive.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Corporate Parenting in the City of London – Annual Report 2015/16

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