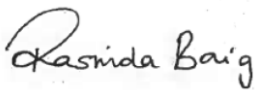


<b>LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN</b>	<b>WARDS:</b> All
<b>REPORT TITLE:</b> Corporate Parenting Annual Report: April 2022- Nov 2023	
<b>REPORT OF</b> Executive Director Children and Learning	
<b>FOR SUBMISSION TO</b> Children, Schools and Families Scrutiny Committee	<b>DATE</b> 18 January 2024
<p><b>SUMMARY OF REPORT</b></p> <p>This report sets out the annual report on corporate parenting and provides an overview of the achievement, progress and challenges in meeting the needs of Camden's children in care and care experienced young who are placed both in borough and outside the borough. The report also sets out the priorities for 2023/24. This report covers the period from April 2022 to November 2023.</p> <p><b>Local Government Act 1972 – Access to Information</b></p> <p>No documents which are required to be listed were used in the preparation of this report.</p> <p><b>Contact Officer:</b></p> <p>Brenda Amisi-Hutchinson, Head of Corporate Parenting Children's Prevention, Family Help and Safeguarding London Borough of Camden, 5 Pancras Square, NC1 4AG. <a href="mailto:brenda.amisi-hutchinson.gov.uk">brenda.amisi-hutchinson.gov.uk</a></p>	
<p><b>RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p>The Children, Schools and Families Scrutiny Committee is asked to note and comment on the annual report on corporate parenting.</p>	

Signed by: 

Rashida Baig, Director of Children's Prevention, Family Help and Safeguarding

Date: 5 January 2024

## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the services provided to Camden's Corporate Parenting Services and to set out our strategy for continuing to meet the needs of our children in care and care experienced young people as their corporate parent.
- 1.2 The statutory guidance on the roles and responsibilities of the Director of Children's Services and the Lead Member for Children's Services states that the Council has a responsibility to act as effective and caring corporate parents for all Children Looked After and Care Experienced Young People. Simply put, the term 'corporate parent' refers the collective responsibility of all elected members, staff, and partner agencies to provide the best possible support and safeguarding for this cohort and to support their transition into adulthood. This involves an absolute commitment that our children should achieve in education, they live in stable homes where they receive love and care and are ready for independence as they mature into adulthood.
- 1.3 Camden's Corporate Parenting Strategy 2021-2024 sets out our vision to ensure that our children and young people have the best opportunities in life regardless of whether they live in Camden or outside the borough.

## **2. Finance Comments of the Executive Director Corporate Services**

The Director of Finance has been consulted on the contents of this report and has no further comments to make at this time.

## **3. Legal Comments of the Borough Solicitor**

The Borough solicitor has been consulted on this report and has no comment to add to this report.

## **4. Environmental Implications**

There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

## **5. Appendices**

Appendix 1 - Corporate Parenting Annual Report: April 2022 - Nov 2023

**REPORT ENDS**