

<b>LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN</b>	<b>WARDS:</b> All
<b>REPORT TITLE:</b> Corporate Parenting Service Annual Report 2023-24	
<b>REPORT OF</b> Executive Director of Children and Learning	
<b>FOR SUBMISSION TO</b> Children, Schools and Families Scrutiny Committee	<b>DATE</b> 14 January 2025
<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 people who are placed both in borough and outside the borough. The report also sets out the priorities for 2025 and covers the period from December 2023 to November 2024.</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> Brenda Amisi-Hutchinson, Head of Corporate Parenting Children’s Prevention, Family Help and Safeguarding, Supporting People London Borough of Camden, 5 Pancras Square, NC1 4AG. <a href="mailto:brenda.amisi-hutchinson@camden.gov.uk">brenda.amisi-hutchinson@camden.gov.uk</a></p>	
<p><b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b></p> <p>The Children, Schools and Families Scrutiny Committee is asked to comment on and note the annual report on corporate parenting.</p>	

Signed by:



Tim Aldridge, Executive Director for Children and Learning and Director for Children’s Services (DCS)

Date: 2 January 2025

## **1. Purpose of Report**

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 people who are placed both in borough and outside the borough. The report also sets out the priorities for 2025 and covers the period from December 2023 to November 2024.

## **2. Key questions for the Committee**

We would welcome the Committee's feedback on the below:

- What has struck you about Camden's achievement, progress and challenges in meeting the needs of Camden's children in care and care experienced young people?
- What are your thoughts on the proposed promises to Camden's care experienced children and young people, and how we measure against them?
- What are your thoughts on our priorities for 2025 and beyond?

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

This paper highlights the significant financial challenge facing our children's social care services, with a projected overspend c.£10 million on the children's placements budget for 2024-25.

A number of mitigation measures have been implemented through the Placement Sufficiency Strategy and the revenue and capital requirements will be considered alongside the Council's other strategic priorities through the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

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

The Council is subject to the requirements of the Children and Social Work Act 2017 and must have regard to the corporate parenting principles in carrying out its functions in relation to looked after and relevant children. It must also have regard to the statutory guidance 'Applying corporate parenting principles to looked-after children and care leavers'.

## **5. Environmental Implications**

There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

## **6. Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Corporate Parenting Service Annual Report 2023-24