



Havering
LONDON BOROUGH

PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE

Subject Heading:

Corporate Parenting Strategy 2025 - 2028

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Policy context:

The Corporate Parenting Strategy sets out our commitment to Havering's children in care and care experienced young people in adherence with our the statutory duties to act as a responsible "parent" as outlined within the Children and Social Work Act 2017, which includes duties for all councillors, officers and partners.

SUMMARY

Havering's statutory Corporate Parenting Strategy 2025–2028 sets out our renewed commitment to ensuring that our children in care and care experienced young people are supported to thrive and reach their full potential. The strategy is guided by the borough's WISH principles, ensuring every child is Well, Inspired, Safe, Heard, and Treated Fairly and is aligned with the [Havering Vision](#) and the [Integrated Starting Well Plan](#).

RECOMMENDATIONS

Cabinet is recommended to:

- Approve the Corporate Parenting Strategy 2025–2028 attached at Appendix One.
- Note that the Corporate Parenting Panel will monitor the delivery of the strategy and associated action plan, which will include scrutinising that there is:
 - Timely access to health and mental health services.
 - Strengthened education, employment, and mentoring pathways.
 - Strengthened housing pathways.

- Safer placements and community environments.
- Meaningful participation of young people in shaping services.
- Promotion of fairness, inclusion, and cultural celebration.
- Note that the Corporate Parenting Panel will monitor progress through key performance indicators and qualitative feedback, with updates to be shared with stakeholders, including children and young people, by officers in the Starting Well directorate.
- Note that an annual report will be taken to People Overview and scrutiny on progress.
- Direct officers to carry out an internal review of the strategy for late 2027, and to make any interim revisions to the action plan as needed to ensure continued relevance and impact.

REPORT DETAIL

See cabinet report for full details.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

See cabinet report for full details.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS; N/A

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendices:

Appendix One – Corporate Parenting Strategy 2025 - 2028 Final

Appendix Two – Equalities and Health Impact Assessment

Appendix Three – Consultation comments

[Corporate parenting: Resource pack for councillors | Local Government Association](#)