

# **North Somerset Council**

## **Report to the Full Council**

**Date of Meeting: 8 November 2022**

**Subject of Report: Corporate Parenting**

**Town or Parish: All**

**Officer/Member Presenting: Cllr Catherine Gibbons**

**Key Decision: No**

**Reason: Not an Executive decision**

### **Recommendations**

Members are asked to:

- consider the content of the presentation made by our Young Director during the meeting
- think about how you can contribute as corporate parents to improving services for our young people

### **1. Summary of Report**

This report references the areas that will be covered by a presentation to Full Council during the meeting.

### **2. Policy**

A council which empowers and cares about people.

### **3. Details**

Members may recall that our Young Director attended Full Council earlier this year and because of her positive reception you asked that she return with a progress report. You will receive this via a presentation during this meeting which will then be emailed to all members after the meeting.

The presentation will cover a survey that was undertaken by several local authorities across over 200 care experienced young people to understand the barriers they face in relation to education, employment, and training. It will include some of the solutions that we have used in North Somerset and their outcomes.

The second part of the presentation will cover the range of work completed following last year's visit by Mark Riddell, the Department for Education's national adviser on care leavers' services. He left us with a set of recommendations as to how we could further improve our services and he came back in September this year to see how we had progressed. He met with a number of our care experienced young people along with a

range of staff and Lead Member. At the time of compiling this report we have yet to receive his letter, but our Young Director will give an indication of his verbal feedback.

#### **4. Consultation**

Both parts of the presentation reference the significant level of consultation undertaken with care experienced young people.

#### **5. Financial Implications**

None.

#### **Costs**

N/A.

#### **Funding**

N/A.

#### **6. Legal Powers and Implications**

N/A.

#### **7. Climate Change and Environmental Implications**

N/A.

#### **8. Risk Management**

N/A.

#### **9. Equality Implications**

None.

#### **10. Corporate Implications**

All elected members and members of staff are corporate parents for our children and young people who are either in our care or care experienced.

#### **11. Options Considered**

N/A.

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#### **Appendices:**

None.

#### **Background Papers:**

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