

North Somerset Council

Report to the Full Council

Date of Meeting: 10 January 2023

Subject of Report: Corporate Parenting

Town or Parish: All

Officer/Member Presenting: Councillor Catherine Gibbons

Key Decision: No

Reason: Not an Executive decision

Recommendations

To note some of the achievements of the Children's Directorate during 2022, all of which impact on our children and young people.

1. Summary of Report

Rather than provide a lengthy report on the achievements of our staff in the Children's Directorate this report is in the form of an 'advent calendar' which was put together by managers within the directorate and shared across all staff.

2. Policy

A council which empowers and cares about people.

3. Details

The calendar is an attachment to this report. While this looks back on some of the achievements it is important to reflect on the improvements we have made in the last year which have been recognised by both external agencies such as the Department for Education and Ofsted and, more importantly, by people who use our services. There is always more to be done and in the coming year we expect continued challenge and scrutiny of our work to improve services and outcomes for our children and young people.

However, it is equally important to recognise the considerable pressures that exist nationally: a growing shortage of people wanting to enter or stay in the social work profession, increasing numbers of children coming into care, huge pressures to increase the numbers of foster carers and good quality residential care and rising costs of such care. The government's response to the Independent Care Review is expected early this year and their commitment to implementing the recommendations will be key in enabling local authorities to respond to families' needs in the best way possible.

4. Consultation

The content of this report focuses on staff achievements and was compiled by staff.

5. Financial Implications

None.

Costs

None.

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

No

10. Corporate Implications

None.

11. Options Considered

None.

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Appendices:

[North Somerset Children's Services \(myadvent.net\)](http://myadvent.net)

Background Papers:

None.