

**REPORT FOR: CORPORATE
PARENTING PANEL**

Date of Meeting:	23 rd July 2014
Subject:	Care Leavers Strategy and action plan
Key Decision:	No Information Item only.
Responsible Officer:	Chris Spencer Interim Corporate Director of Children and Families
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Simon Brown, Portfolio Holder for Children, Schools and Young People
Exempt:	No
Decision subject to Call-in:	No
Wards affected:	All
Enclosures:	Care Leavers Strategy and action plan

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

The Harrow Care Leavers strategy has been developed following the publication of the Government Care Leavers Strategy in October 2013.

We have responsibility with our partners to meet the needs of care leavers by making sure that they are provided with the support, advice and guidance that allows them to achieve their potential.

Recommendations:

The Panel is requested to note the strategy for care leavers.

Section 2 – Report

We have a statutory responsibility to support care leavers and this strategy sets out how we will meet those responsibilities.

Options considered

None

Background

The Children (Leaving Care) Act 2000 has two main aims:

- To ensure that young people do not leave care until they are ready
- To ensure that that they receive more effective support once they have left care

Following the publication of the Governments strategy for care leavers in 2013, Harrow has developed a strategy and action plan for care leavers.

Current situation

This report is for information only

Financial Implications

None. This strategy is funded within existing budgets.

Risk Management Implications

Risk included on Directorate risk register? No

Separate risk register in place? No

Equalities implications

Was an Equality Impact Assessment carried out? /No

There are no Equality Implications.

Council Priorities

- Making a difference for the vulnerable
- Making a difference for families

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: Jo Frost.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Chief Financial Officer
Date: 17 July 2014.....		

Ward Councillors notified:	NO
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Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers: None.