

**REPORT FOR: CORPORATE PARENTING
PANEL**

Date of Meeting: 12 January 2016

Subject: Placement Sufficiency Strategy

Key Decision: No

Responsible Officer: Chris Spencer
Corporate Director, People

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Simon Brown

Exempt: No

Decision subject to Call-in: No

Wards affected: All

Enclosures: Appendix A - Placement Sufficiency Strategy

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This strategy is focused on plans to meet the placement needs of children who are in care and young people who have recently left the care of the local authority and those who may be in care in the future.

Please note: in Paragraph 9.6 (page 35) of this report, “Children and Families Bill” should read “Children and Families Act 2014”.

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Section 2 – Report

See attached report.

Legal Implications

The Local Authority has a Statutory duty to produce a Placement Sufficiency Strategy which outlines how it will fulfil its responsibilities in terms of Looked After Children and those on the edge of care. These are outlined in the report.

Financial Implications

This report is an information report and not requesting any funding. The Placement Sufficiency Strategy is a central part in the departments savings plans with value for money being a central part of the work of the Access to Resources team and Placement Services

Risk Management Implications

Risk included on Directorate risk register? No

Separate risk register in place? No

Equalities implications

The Placement Sufficiency Strategy outlines the diversity in the CLA population and the range of options and interventions that will be implemented to ensure their needs will be addressed.

Council Priorities

The Council's vision:

Working Together to Make a Difference for Harrow

The report incorporates the administration's priorities.

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

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: Jo Frost

on behalf of the
Chief Financial Officer

Date: 13/10/15

Name: Helen Ottino

on behalf of the
Monitoring Officer

Date: 15/10/15

Ward Councillors notified:

NO

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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