

**REPORT FOR: Corporate Parenting Panel**

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**Date of Meeting:** 12 April 2016

**Subject:** Feedback on CLA Achievement Event

**Key Decision:** No

**Responsible Officer:** Chris Spencer,  
Corporate Director of People

**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:** Appendix 1 – CLA Celebration Report

## **Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations**

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Corporate Parenting Panel regarding the CLA Achievement Event held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

## **Section 2 – Report**

See attached report – Appendix 1

### **Risk Management Implications**

Risk included on Directorate risk register? No  
Separate risk register in place? No

### **Legal Implications**

This report is for information only.

### **Financial Implications**

Details of the cost of the event is included in the report. Cost of this event was funded within existing budgets

### **Equalities implications / Public Sector Equality Duty**

Children Looked After come from diverse backgrounds and have a range of needs. These were addressed and met at this event with a range of activities, food and entertainment. Awards were also given to Looked After Children for a range of achievements.

## Council Priorities

The Council's vision:

### Working Together to Make a Difference for Harrow

The celebration of achievement for children in care contributes to the administration's 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: 30 March 2016		
Name: Helen Ottino	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Monitoring Officer
Date: 30 March 2016		

<b>Ward Councillors notified:</b>	<b>NO, as it impacts on all Wards</b>
<b>EqIA carried out:</b>	<b>NO</b>

## **Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers**

### **Contact:**

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### **Background Papers:**

**NONE**

## ***Appendix 1***

### **CLA CELEBRATION REPORT**

On 17.2.16, the CLA Celebration took place at The Hive. The aim of the event was for the CLA young people and care leavers to be rewarded for all their achievements over the past year, to be motivated and encouraged and for them to have fun.

The event began at 3pm. There was a minibus provided from Harrow Civic Centre to the venue and at least 33 young people took advantage of this opportunity.

Everyone was encouraged to sign in on arrival and the signing in sheets confirmed that at least 82 adults, 33 care leavers and 42 young people attended. There were 8 young people who attended from the leadership team and they supported the staff with the activities.

There were 18 tables for seating and 13 stands around the edge of the room. The stands catered for various activities such as face painting, Henna, arts & crafts and glitter tattoos. There were also stands for various treats such as a candy floss machine, popcorn maker, slush machine and chocolate fountain.

During the event there was also a DJ, a magician, a photo booth and a photographer. There were some councillors and the Mayor and Mayoress of Harrow in attendance. The young people and care leavers received certificates that had motivational messages printed on them, handed to them by the Mayor. The entertainment was provided by a motivational speaker and a well-known rapper. Everyone who attended received a flashing wristband. One young person sang and played the guitar.

The feedback from the team was:-

- Venue was good/excellent;
- Timing of the event was good;
- Treats for YP went down well;
- Entertainment was good;
- Good choice of food;

- Length of time allocated to give out certificates was perfect
- The event had a good balance of activities both on the main stage and on side table and mini-stalls;
- The design of the certificates was an improvement on last year;
- The importance of brevity from 'adult speakers' was well observed;
- The MC was effective and focused in ensuring that each segment took place in a timely way;
- The idea of have an illusionist performing close up 'table magician' and moving randomly through the audience went well;
- The food selection appeared to work very well;
- The venue having a large centre strip walk-way was very good for allowing the motivational speak to move along at audience level while presenting, and this was most effective;
- the most arresting view was seeing all the audience, the children and adults (including foster carers, social workers, other professionals and senior social care managers) wearing their sound activated 'beat bands,' which pulsated in their hundreds, with 'pale blue lights' response to the DJ playing records;
- The goody bags were popular;
- Carers said they were proud to see the children getting their certificates.

## Costs

The total cost of the event was £8,036.07 **(a reduction on the previous year)** Furthermore donations of £1,290 were received from local businesses to contribute towards the funding of the event.

## Evaluation

Views have been gained from children and young people, carers and staff to inform future events. The recommendations include changes to the running order, preparing the comperes more thoroughly and involving social workers in giving out certificates to young people they work with to make the award more personal.