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| REPORT FOR: | Corporate Parenting Panel |
| Date of Meeting: | 14th January 2020 |
| Subject: | Being a Corporate Parent – LGA Corporate Parenting Resource Pack |
| Key Decision: | No |
| Responsible Officer: | Paul Hewitt, Corporate Director of People |
| Portfolio Holder: | Councillor Christine Robson, Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People and Schools |
| Exempt: | No |
| Decision subject to Call-in: | No |
| Wards affected: | None - This is an Information report |
| Enclosures: | LGA Corporate Parenting Resource Pack (Published November 2019) |

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| Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations |
| In November 2019, the Local Government Association (LGA) published the *Corporate parenting resource pack.* This pack aims to help local authorities to fulfil the role of corporate parents – one of the most important jobs that councils do – as effectively as possible.  **RECOMMENDATION**: That the report be noted  **Reason for Recommendation:** To keep the Panel updated on their responsibility to ensure that Harrow is meeting its corporate parenting duties towards children in care and care leavers. |

# Section 2 – Report

See the attached guidance which was published by the LGA.

**Key Points:**

1. **An introduction to corporate parenting**, including key sources of information to consider.
2. **Updates to legislation and practice**. In particular the Children and Social Work Act 2017 defines the responsibility of corporate parents to ensure secure, nurturing and positive experiences for looked-after children and young people and care leavers.
3. **Key lines of enquiry for all councillors** to support councillors to think holistically about the needs of looked-after children and care leavers and our ambitions for them.

## Options considered

Not applicable as this is an information report.

## Risk Management Implications

## The Children’s Services Risk Register includes corporate parenting responsibilities.

Risk included on Directorate risk register? Yes

Separate risk register in place? No

## Legal Implications

Not applicable as this is an information report.

## Financial Implications

## There are no financial implications arising from this report.

## Equalities implications / Public Sector Equality Duty

Not applicable as this is an information report.

## Council Priorities

**Supporting Those Most in Need**

* Children and young people are given the opportunities to have the best start in life and families can thrive

# Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Not applicable – for information only

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| Name: Paul Hewitt | x |  | Corporate Director |
| Date: 30/12/2019 |  |  |  |

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| MANDATORY  Ward Councillors notified: | **NO, this is an information report only** |
| EqIA carried out:  EqIA cleared by: | **NO**  N/A information report only |

# Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

**Contact:**

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**Background Papers:**

* Attached paper – LGA Corporate parenting resource pack