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

Name: Paul Hewitt	<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/>	Corporate Director
Date: 30/12/2019		

<b>MANDATORY</b>	
<b>Ward Councillors notified:</b>	NO, this is an information report only
<b>EqIA carried out:</b>	NO
<b>EqIA cleared by:</b>	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