

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

Committee/Panel:	Corporate Parenting Board
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Title:	Participation Update
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1. Recommendation

1.1. That the Corporate Parenting Board note the content of this report.

2. Summary

2.1. The documents attached at Appendix 1 provide an update on the progress made on all elements of the Participation Strategy to strengthen the participation of children in planning and the contribution that children make to helping to improve services

2. Contextual information

2.1. This is a six monthly report detailing the progress that Children's Social Care are making against Hampshire Children's Services Participation Strategy.

2.2. The following recommendations were agreed by the Departmental Management Team within the Children's Service department:

- Participation Strategy continues to be rooted within all domains of social care
- Development of the Corporate Parenting Board demonstrating its impact through change to services and opportunities for children in care and care leavers
- Evolvement of the role of Care Ambassadors to represent the voice of children in care and care leavers
- Participation events are further embedded and progress from the engagement stage to "You said, We Did" as the golden thread through all levels of our service
- Endorsement from senior management to the frontline staff of the importance of the Participation Strategy that has the support from all levels within the county council (given CPB involvement)

- District managers and senior managers to attend participation events running in the districts and county.
- The voice of the child to be captured
- Evidence of the “You Said, We Did”

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Strategic Plan

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	yes
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	yes

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

Document

Location

None

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equality Duty

1.1. The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- a) The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;
- b) Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- c) Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

1.2. **Equalities Impact Assessment:** Not relevant.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder: No impact.

3. Climate Change:

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption? No impact.
- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts? No impact.