



Corporate Parenting Survey

1 Purpose

- 1.1 On 4th April 2017 the Committee's Corporate Parenting report was agreed at City Council. Recommendation 1 in this report stated:

Councillors to commit to at least one activity from the 'menu of involvement'. This will then be published on the Council's website. A follow-up survey will be undertaken by the Scrutiny Office in nine months requesting an update from Councillors on this.

- 1.2 87% of Councillors completed the 'menu of involvement' (105 Councillors) in April/May 2017 and the spreadsheet containing these commitments was published on the Council's website and is available at <http://bit.ly/2DBcFFo>.
- 1.3 Councillors made a total of 911 commitments and a follow-up survey was sent to Councillors from the Scrutiny Office in December 2017 and January 2018. The purpose of this paper is to provide an update on Councillor's responses to the survey. This should be read in conjunction with the attached paper from the Corporate Parenting Coordinator, as not all Councillors completed the survey although the Corporate Parenting Co-ordinator is aware they have attended events etc.

2 Survey Responses

- 2.1 30 Councillors have completed the survey in December 2017/January 2018 (29% of the 87% who had completed the 'menu of involvement'). 159 commitments have been undertaken by the respondents (if you include the commitments that the Corporate Parenting Co-ordinator is aware of this rises to 172). However, of those that completed the survey, 117 commitments have not been undertaken as yet.
- 2.2 This is to be expected for some commitments - for instance commitment 7 is for when there are planning applications for a new children's home and this issue may not have arisen yet. In addition a number of Councillors committed to attending the Christmas event that unfortunately had to be postponed to March 2018 due to poor weather etc.
- 2.3 Interestingly 18 commitments were undertaken that were not committed to originally (if you include the commitments that the Corporate Parenting Co-ordinator is aware of this rises to 27). This could be because the 'menu of involvement' has assisted with Councillors understanding of their role as a Corporate Parent.



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3 Next Steps

- 3.1 The results and details of the responses to the survey have been shared with the Corporate Parenting Coordinator, so the 'menu of involvement' can be developed for Councillors into a corporate parenting handbook for May 2018. This will include providing Councillors with examples of how they can undertake each task, building on Councillors responses in the survey.

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