

Appendix 1. Apprenticeship for Looked After Children and Care Leavers

Rec No	Recommendation	Responsible Officer	Agreed Action and Date of Implementation
1	That further and clear statistical information on destinations and outcomes for care leavers be collected and monitored to ensure a better understanding of the effectiveness of Council interventions.	Dominic Tumelty Head of Service, Children We Look After	Data to be included in the Care leaver Dashboard with quarterly reports to the Care Leaver Board which in turn reports to the Corporate Parent Forum December 2020
2	That a strategy is produced to show the processes, employed by Officers, which ensure that the children we look after, and care leavers are fully supported to access education, employment, and training opportunities.	Dominic Tumelty Head of Service, Children We Look After	NEET Strategy to be reviewed to ensure it includes processes as described. Strategy to be approved by Care Leaver Board and in turn Corporate Parent Forum December 2020
3	That this strategy is informed by feedback from children we look after and care leavers on what works well, what the barriers are to their successful progression and what improvements could be made.	Carly Quinn, Team Manager, Futures and Helen Sharratt, Children and Young People Consultation Officer	A consultation exercise be constructed with our young people to help us understand what works and what changes to policy and practice they would like to see change or introduced. March 2021 report to Care Leavers Board and thereafter to Corporate Parent Forum. This to ensure the consultation can be properly planned and actioned
4	That a review be undertaken regarding further traineeships, apprenticeships, and work experience opportunities that Council services could offer to care leavers and looked after children.	Dominic Tumelty Head of Service, Children We Look After and Sharon Fryer, Head of Service, SEND	For Heads of Service to co-ordinate a review of the current Local Offer and ensure it maximises all opportunities for our children and young people. March 2021

5	That the pages on the Council's website relating to looked after children and care leavers be reviewed to ensure the language used is engaging and accessible to the target audience.	Carly Quinn, Team Manager, Futures team, and Council Communications team.	6 Monthly reviews of the information alongside colleagues in the communications team, to ensure it is updated to reflect updated legislation and that it reads well for our young people (in conjunction with Helen Sharratt) A review has just taken place and therefore the next review will be scheduled for March 2021
6	That an assessment tool is developed as part of Personal Education Plans, to ensure that the children we look after, and care leavers understand the full range of progression routes available to them and identifies their chosen destination.	Sarah Platt, Head teacher, Virtual School for Looked After Children	To develop the tool as required, consult with young people and staff to ensure it is fit for purpose and implement Summer term 2021
7	That the post of Education, Employment and Training Co-ordinator is made permanent.	Dominic Tumelty Head of Service, Children We Look After	This action is now complete.
8	That the Cabinet encourages all Councilors who are governors at schools not signed up to the Ambassadors Programme to speak to their schools about doing so.	Joanne Davies, Assistant Director for Educations	Cathryn White has been invited to Learning Partnership Board meetings and Governors' Forum to present on the Ambassadors Programme. Consequently, there has been an increase in the number of schools who have joined the programme and successful ventures have included the 'Canary Sings ' project. This involved 35 primary schools and resulted in the publication of a historical resource written by the children of St Helens for the children of St Helens, celebrating our rich cultural past and embracing the future. It is anticipated that there will be a second 'Raising Aspirations' programme for secondary schools in the Spring term.
9	That the CYPS Panel commissions a new task group to enable members to continue this review including:	Dominic Tumelty Head of Service, Children We Look After	For the lead officers to liaise with the chair of Panel to co-ordinate the meetings as required for A-E as described.

	<p>A - meeting with care leavers to understand the types of opportunities they are looking for in employment, training and education, what support is effective and how it could be improved.</p> <p>B - a meeting with members of the Ambassador Programme to discuss the barriers to provision of work experience and apprenticeship opportunities to care leavers and looked after children.</p> <p>C - a review to establish the extent to which the children we look after participate in extra-curricular activities, often invaluable in the development of wider skills to support positive progression.</p> <p>D - a meeting with local representatives from DWP for clarification on the implications of Universal Credit on the wages and benefits received by care leavers.</p> <p>E - scrutiny of the supported internship programme.</p>	<p>Carly Quinn, Team Manager, Futures</p> <p>Cathryn White, Place Delivery project Manager</p>	<p>March 2021</p>
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