

**Protected Characteristic for Care Leaver/Care Experienced Guidance and Assessment Template**

**When considering whether there are Corporate Parenting or Care leaver Protected characteristic Implications which should be reflected in a Committee report, please review the Guidance below and the Assessment Template. Where there are impacts identified these, together with any mitigations, should be summarised in the report under the ‘Section 11. Other Implications’ section under the heading ‘Corporate Parenting Implications’. If there are no relevant implications, this section is not required to be included in the Report.**

When considering the impact on children in care and care leavers of a service development or service change local authorities should consider:-

- What more could we do to ensure looked-after children and care leavers feel listened to and their suggestions acted on?
- To what extent are the needs and priorities of looked-after children and care leavers reflected in local strategic needs assessments, local service provision, and development plans?
- How can we collectively deliver services to looked-after children and care leavers in a way that is joined-up and which supports young people to make a successful transition to adulthood?
- Are the children and young people in our care enjoying happy, fulfilled childhoods and looking forward to their adult lives, with positive foundations and stable relationships? If not, why not and what can we do to address this?
- How do we know what children and young people’s wishes and feelings are and how do we capture their views?
- How can we deliver services to looked-after children and care leavers in a way that mirrors as far as possible the way a good parent would support their child?
- How can we deliver services in a way that recognises the unique circumstances of looked-after children and care leavers?

**Assessment Template**

<b>Corporate Parenting Theme</b>	<b>Some Considerations</b>	<b>Relevant Yes/no</b>	<b>If yes, impact</b>	<b>Brief description</b>	<b>If negative Impact, mitigations.</b>
Views and wishes of children in care and care leavers.	Does the proposal impact on children in care and/or care leaver? Do you need to consult with them? Do you need to go to Corporate Parenting Board? Have you discussed/consulted with FCL- safeguarding and care/participation services? Can				

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	they help you consult with young people?				
Does this proposal impact on our high aspirations for children in care and care leavers?	Can this proposal support the development, education and employment opportunities for children in care and care leavers? Can it provide positive activities for children in care and care leavers and/or support peer relationships?				
Are we providing stable environments for children in our care?	Will this support them to return to their birth family? Will it provide stable accommodation for care leavers? Does it support and enhance the offer by carers? Will it enable the facilitation of care provision?				
What are we doing to look after the health and wellbeing of children in care and care leavers?	Does this proposal impact on access to health services for children in care and care leavers? Are we considering the impact of trauma and loss? Does the proposal challenge/impact on stigma and discrimination. Does the proposal impact on access to stable placements and/or provide positive activities, create safe spaces for children in care and care leavers?				

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What are we doing to ensure that our children in care are not unnecessarily criminalised?	Does this proposal support restorative practice? How can this proposal help reduce exploitation ( often within spaces/environment)				

