

Meeting	<b>THE COUNCIL</b>
Date	5/12/13
Subject	Annual Report of the Gwynedd Corporate Parenting Panel
Purpose of the Report	To present the report to the Council for discussion
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### **Introduction**

The Council has a clear statutory responsibility as a “corporate parent” for children in care and there is a clear expectation on the Council to fulfil that role “as if they were my child”.

It is important to remember that the parenting responsibility rests on the whole Council but the Corporate Parenting Panel does have a specific role to take an overview of the welfare and interests of these children.

It is good practice to produce an annual report describing the support given in terms of the voice of children and young people, the service provision, placements and a number of other matters that can be seen in the attached report. In addition to the report on what has been achieved, a key element in the papers is the work programme noting the issues that are to be addressed over the coming months.

The report and the appendix were approved by the Cabinet on the 8th of October, 2013.

I should also note that I shall be appearing before the Services Scrutiny Committee on 28th November, 2013 where I will be scrutinised on the work in this area. If the Council wishes, I can report verbally on the result of that scrutiny.

### **Reasons for the Recommendation**

The corporate support of the Cabinet is an important part of the Council’s commitment to the statutory responsibility that it shoulders. This responsibility is not a matter for a single department and the Cabinet is keen to support that.

### **Relevant Considerations**

In considering what is in the work programme, it is proper to consider the capacity implications arising. The work programme has been discussed and agreed internally prior to its submission to the Cabinet and the necessary resources to action the work programme are in place.

### **Recommendation**

I recommend that the Council approves the annual report and the attached work programme.