

Item No. 9.	Classification: Open	Date: 6 November 2019	Meeting Name: Corporate Parenting Committee
Report title:		Fostering Service Annual Report 2018-19	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Director, Children and Families	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the corporate parenting committee notes the annual report of Southwark Fostering Service 2018-19.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. The purpose of the annual report document is to report on the activity of the Fostering Service fulfilling obligations in the Fostering Services Regulations (2011) to review and improve the quality of care, and National Minimum Standards (2011) to report to the executive side of the local authority. It will cover: performance and developments in Southwark's delivery of fostering services; how the council is compliant with key national minimum standards; and the service offered to those seeking to foster and those children in care who are fostered.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

3. Southwark Fostering Service continues to provide good quality care for a significant proportion of children and young people in care to the council.
4. The Fostering Service Annual Report 2018-19 in Appendix 1 sets out all the key areas for consideration.

Community impact statement

5. Southwark is committed to ensuring children looked after by its fostering service, from all parts of the community, are enabled to live close to their communities as far as possible and appropriate and with families able to meet most of their needs.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
None		

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Annual Report – Southwark Fostering Service 2018-19

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Alasdair Smith, Director, Children and Families	
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Strategic Director of Finance and Governance	No	No
Cabinet Member	No	No
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