

	Corporate Parenting Committee
	Report from the Corporate Director of Children, Young People and Community Development
	Lead Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Employment and Climate Action - Cllr Jake Rubin
London's Regional Care Cooperative (RCC) Briefing for Senior Local Authority Officers & Lead Members	
Wards Affected:	ALL
Key or Non-Key Decision:	N/A
Open or Part/Fully Exempt: (If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act)	Under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the duration of the meeting, on the grounds that the attendance of representatives from the council's Children in Care council, necessitated the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 2, Part 1 of Schedule 12A, as amended, of the Act, namely: Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.
List of Appendices:	Appendix 1 - London's Regional Care Cooperative (RCC) Briefing for Senior Local Authority Officers & Lead Members
Background Papers:	N/A
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1.0 Executive Summary

- 1.1 This briefing provides Lead Members for Children's Services and Corporate Parenting Committees (CPC) with an overview of London's Regional Care Cooperative (RCC) following the successful award of DfE funding. It explains the purpose of the RCC, London's approach to implementation, and the key areas of work that will be progressed during mobilisation and early delivery. The briefing also outlines the role of Lead Members as the programme develops.

2.0 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Lead Member and CPC review and comment on the contents of this report.

3.0 Detail

3.1 Contribution to Borough Plan Priorities & Strategic Context

- 3.1.1 The purpose of RCCs are to help local authorities work together on challenges that are difficult to solve individually, including foster care recruitment, placement sufficiency, commissioning, and management of the children's care market and therefore contribute to the following borough priorities:

- **The Best Start in Life**
- **Prosperity and Stability**
- **A Healthier Brent**
- **Thriving Communities**

In order for care experienced young people to have the best start in life, prosperity and stability, safety, and good health they need safe, stable homes with primary carers who love them and who are able to meet their holistic needs. RCCs will contribute to these priorities by strengthening local authorities collective bargaining power, influence, and ability to recruit more local foster carers, share fostering and placement resources across authority areas, and provide safe, stable, loving homes for children and young people when they are unable to remain with their birth parent/s.

4.0 Background

- 4.1 Please refer to Appendix 1, London's Regional Care Cooperative (RCC) Briefing for Senior Local Authority Officers & Lead Members.

5.0 Stakeholder and ward member consultation and engagement

- 5.1 The purpose of presenting this briefing to CPC is to inform and update Members, boroughs, partners, and stakeholders on the RCC development as it is entering its mobilisation phase, preparing partners to be able to contribute to the development of a detailed operating model and implementation plans.

6.0 Financial Considerations

- 6.1 There are currently no financial implications arising from this report.

7.0 Legal Considerations

- 7.1 There are currently no legal considerations arising from this report.

8.0 Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) Considerations

8.1 There are currently no Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) considerations arising from this report.

9.0 Climate Change and Environmental Considerations

9.1 There are no climate change or environmental considerations.

10.0 Human Resources/Property Considerations (if appropriate)

10.1 There are no human resource or property considerations.

11.0 Communication Considerations

11.1 At this stage there are not any communication considerations.

Report sign off:

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