

**CORPORATE PARENTING  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**2 OCTOBER 2023**

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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR, CHILDRENS SERVICES**

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**RESIDENTIAL ANNUAL REPORTS**

**Reason for this Report**

1. To give the Committee the opportunity to discuss the Accommodation Strategy, new residential homes in Cardiff and how the Committee would like to receive the Residential Annual Reports moving forward.

**Background**

2. There was a report shared at the March 2023 Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee meeting regarding the current and future residential placements being planned. The proposal within the Accommodation Strategy sets out the following:
  - Retain Crosslands as a 6-bed residential unit with minor upgrades to the home
  - Retain Falconwood as a 3 bed residential unit
  - Retain Oakway for use as an emergency provision for a 1 bed residential home
  - Develop Baden Powell and upgrade the property and register the property as a 2-bed residential home
  - Bronwydd Road – upgrade the property to be a therapeutic placement and register property as a 1-bed residential home
  - Purchase and develop additional properties to meet the demand;
    - 7 x 3 bed children's home
    - 3 x 4 bed children's homes

Since the report was shared in March 2023 there have been considerable updates to report;

- Baden Powell, a 2 bed residential home, has been fully refurbished and is in the final stages of registration with Care Inspectorate Wales
- Bronwydd Road, a 1 bed residential home has been upgraded with specialist adaptations and is in the final stages of registration with Care Inspectorate Wales.

The following properties have been identified as homes for children and young people in Cardiff as part of the Accommodation Strategy.

- South east of the city - Property 1 is a 1 bed residential home on a new housing development site that has been purchased and furnished to help with our current need for solo placements. It is now in the final stages of registration with Care Inspectorate Wales.
- South east of the city - Property 2, is a 1 bed residential home on a new housing development site that has been purchased and furnished to help with our current need for solo placements. It is now in the final stages of registration with Care Inspectorate Wales.
- North east of the city - a 3 bed residential home has completed the purchase process and refurbishment works are beginning imminently.
- South west of the City – a 4 bed residential home has completed the purchase process and detailed designs and plans are being discussed with contractor.
- East of the City – a 3 bed residential home has completed the purchase process and detailed designs and plans are being finalised with the contractor.
- East of the city – a further 3 bed residential home has been identified and the purchase is currently with our legal team with an estimated completion of November 2023.

As the number of new residential placements in Cardiff is increasing, the Committee will need to decide how it would like progress updates and annual reports to be shared going forward.

## **Issues**

3. The Committee is invited to discuss the increase in the provision of residential placements within Cardiff and how they would like to receive updates in relation to the same.
4. The Committee will need to give consideration to the frequency of the information, updates regarding annual reports as well as the manner in which feedback is provided.

### **Legal Implications**

5. There are no legal implications arising from this report.

### **Financial Implications**

6. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

7. The Committee are asked to note the content of this report.

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14 SEPTEMBER 2023**