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| Children & Young People Scrutiny Commission September 8th 2022 Item 4 - Recruitment and Retention of Foster Carers | Item No 4 |
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Outline

The Commission completed a [review of the recruitment and retention of foster carers](#) in 2018 which contained 10 recommendations to the Council. The Commission has received a number of updates, the last being in October 2019. Having been approached by Hackney Foster Carers Council, the Commission agreed to revisit this review to reassess the Hackney Foster Carer offer and to ensure that there is sustained progress in the recruitment and retention of in-house foster carers.

The Commission requested a brief update on progress made against the recommendations together with an update on the Recruitment and Retention Strategy for In-House Foster Carers.

To support this session, the Commission undertook a local consultation with local in-house foster carers supported by Hackney Foster Carers Council. The Commission held a consultation evening on the 31st August 2022 which was supported by a survey to all members. Given the publication date of this agenda (31st August) reports of both elements of this consultation would be circulated informally to all members and published in the next agenda.

Reports

- Recruitment and Retention of Foster Carers Strategy Update
- Update on Scrutiny Commissions Recommendations for Recruitment and Retention of Foster Carers

Attending:

Laura Bleaney, Head of Corporate Parenting
Korinna, Service Manager, Fostering, permanency and Placements Service
Diane Benjamin, Director of Children's Social Care
Representatives from Hackney Foster Carer Council

Action:

Members of the Commission are asked to note both reports and review progress against recommendations.