

**CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD**

**7 October 2019**

**FOSTERING RECRUITMENT UPDATE**

**Report of the Director of Children's Social Care, Together for Children**

**1. Purpose of the Report**

To update Corporate Parenting Board on recruitment activity within Together for Children Fostering Sunderland.

**2. Introduction/Background**

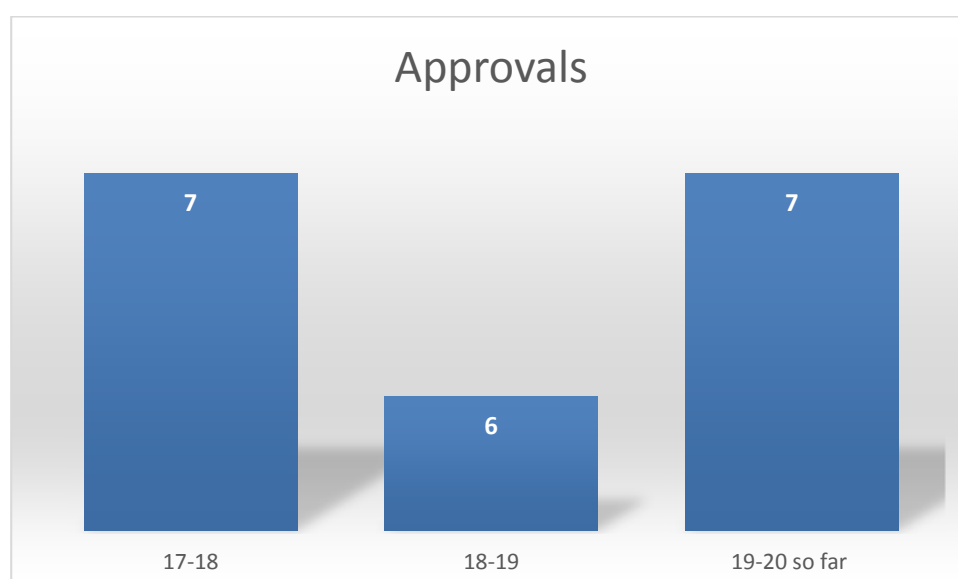
Following a comprehensive review and consultation period a new Training, Support and Fee Scheme was implemented on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 with a view to improving the recruitment and retention of Foster Carers.

**3. Recruitment**

In the year ending March 2018 Together for Children approved 7 mainstream foster carers within the previous 12 months.

In the year ending March 2019 Together for Children approved 6 mainstream foster carers within the previous 12 months.

In the period April – Sep 2019 Together for Children have so far recruited 7 mainstream foster carers, evidencing a considerable increase in recruitment.

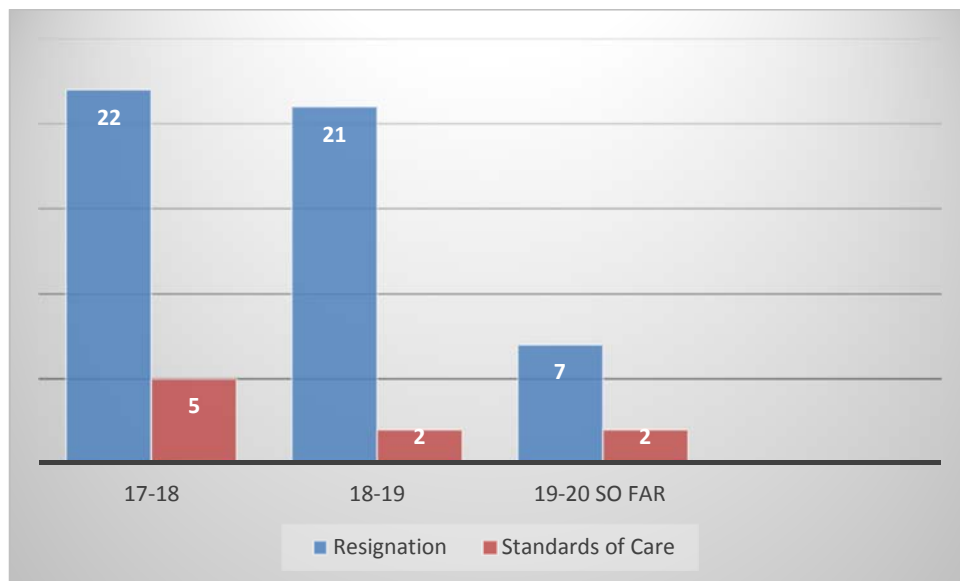


#### 4. Retention

In the year ending March 2018 Together for Children had considered 22 resignations and 5 de-registrations (as a result of Standards of Care concerns).

In the year ending March 2019 Together for Children had considered 21 resignations and 2 de-registrations.

In the period April – September 2019 Together for Children have considered 7 resignations and 2 de-registrations thus showing an increased retention rate.



#### 5. Recommendation

- 5.1 The Corporate Parenting Board is recommended to consider the information attached.