

**Report to:** Corporate Parenting Panel

**Date of meeting:** 24 January 2020

**By:** East Sussex Foster Care Association

**Title:** Annual Report of the East Sussex Foster Care Association (ESFCA)

**Purpose:** To inform the panel of the Annual Report of the ESFCA

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***RECOMMENDATIONS:***

**The Panel is recommended to comment on and note the report**

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**1 Background**

1.1 East Sussex Foster Care Association (ESFCA) is an independent charity. It was launched in March 1993 in a direct response to the needs of the children/young people in public care across the county and the demands this place on their foster families.

1.2 Since its introduction, carers have designed a range of support, advice, advocacy, activities and training services for their fellow carers, families and the children in foster care throughout East Sussex.

**2 Supporting information**

2.1 The Annual Report of the East Sussex Foster Care Association 2018/19 is attached at Appendix 1.

**3 Conclusion and reasons for recommendation**

3.1 The report provides members of the Corporate Parenting Panel with an update on the work of the charity. The Panel is therefore recommended to comment on and note the report.

**Susanne Beesley**  
**Chair of the East Sussex Foster Care Association**

Local Members:

All

Background Documents:

None

Appendices:

Appendix 1: The Annual Report of the East Sussex Foster Care Association 2017/18