

Report of the Director of Children's Services to the meeting of Corporate Parenting Panel to be held on 26 January 2022.

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Corporate Parenting Terms of Reference

Summary statement:

Corporate Parenting Terms of Reference to inform members and the public the vision and purpose of the Corporate Parenting Panel.

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY:

There are no equality or diversity issues arising this is a terms of reference for the panel.

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1. SUMMARY

The Corporate Parenting Panel has a duty as corporate parents to our children and young people who are in the care of the local authority and those leaving care. The Corporate Parenting Panel needs to set out clearly their vision and purpose which are outlined within the Terms of Reference.

2. BACKGROUND

Children's Social Care were judged as inadequate by Ofsted in September 2018. During a monitoring visit in February 2020, Ofsted stated: -

- The Corporate Parenting Board meets regularly and has a well-established link to the Children in Care Council, which regularly challenges them to do better for children.
- Corporate Parenting is being refreshed with new priorities for supporting Children in Care more effectively and a focus on improving wider Children's participation.

The purpose of this Draft Corporate Parenting Terms of Reference is on the promise of the second statement in terms of refreshing priorities to set out clearly the purpose and function of the Corporate Parenting Panel.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Not applicable

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

Not applicable

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

Not applicable

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

Not applicable

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable

7.2 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

Not applicable

7.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable

7.4 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

Not applicable

7.5 TRADE UNION

Not applicable

7.6 WARD IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable

7.7 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS (for reports to Area Committees only)

Not applicable

7.8 IMPLICATIONS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The Corporate Parenting Terms of Reference will set out clearly the vision and purpose of the Corporate Parenting Panel.

7.9 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESMENT

There are no identifiable factors within this report or presenting paper.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

The document can be made public.

9. OPTIONS

- Agree to the proposed Terms of Defence Presented.
- Suggest edits and additions.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

The views of the Corporate Parenting Panel on the options set out in Section 9 of this report are requested.

11. APPENDICES

Draft Corporate Parenting Terms of Reference.

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Not applicable.