

Name of meeting: Annual Council

Date: 25 May 2016

Title of report: Corporate Parenting Board

Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	No
Is it in the <a href="#">Council's Forward Plan</a> ?	No
Is it eligible for "call in" by <a href="#">Scrutiny</a> ?	No
Date signed off by <u>Director</u> & name	Director of Resources, David Smith
Is it signed off by the Director of Resources?	Yes, 12 May 2016
Is it signed off by the Assistant Director - Legal & Governance?	Yes
Cabinet member <a href="#">portfolio</a>	Resources

Electoral [wards](#) affected: All

Ward councillors consulted: Not applicable

Status of Report : Public

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## 1. Purpose of report

To re-establish Corporate Parenting Board for the 2016-2017 Municipal Year.

## 2. Key points

At the meeting of Council on 24 June 2015, a decision was taken to establish a Corporate Parenting Board. This report seeks approval for the Board to be re-constituted for the 2016-2017 Municipal Year on a 1:1:1:1 ratio based upon the Terms of Reference as set out below;

**Purpose:** To ensure that the Council with its partners effectively discharges its role as Corporate Parents for all their Children in Care.

The Corporate Parenting Board is accountable to Full Council through its Cabinet. Initial reporting of concerns will be escalated to the Cabinet portfolio lead member for further consideration.

The Board will meet a minimum of four times per annum.

**Membership:**

Cabinet Portfolio Lead Member  
Elected Members representing all political parties  
Assistant Director, Family Support & Child Protection  
Head of Corporate Parenting  
Virtual Head Teacher  
Deputy Assistant Director Skills, Enterprise & Progression  
Commissioning Representative  
Head of Independent Review & Advocacy  
Learning & Development Representative  
Additional members as identified by the Board

**Terms of Reference:**

- 1 To examine ways in which the Council as a whole and partner agencies can improve the life chances of all children in care and care leavers
- 2 To advise the Council's Cabinet of actions that need to be taken.
- 3 To bring to the attention of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee any areas which may warrant Scrutiny consideration
- 4 To ensure there are good joint working arrangements between council departments and partner agencies. Maintaining an overview of these services and holding operational services to account.
- 5 To provide an opportunity for representatives of Children in Care Council to report their work to the Board.
- 6 To maintain a strategic overview of new developments, initiatives, plans, policies and strategies that impact on services for Children in Care.
- 7 To monitor the performance of the Council by receiving regular progress reports on all performance data relating to Children in Care Services.
- 8 To receive regular reports on the needs of care leavers including employment, further education, training and housing.
9. To receive statutory reports from the Adoption and Fostering Services, and Independent Reviewing Officers.
10. To agree an annual work programme setting out its key priorities and areas for action.
- 11 To prepare an Annual Report in the areas considered by the Board, including its work programme, for presentation to Council and Kirklees Health and Wellbeing Board .
- 12 To acknowledge and celebrate in the achievements of children and young people in care in areas of education, drama, sport and employment, and participate in annual celebration events.
- 13 To take account of the experiences of children and young people when leaving care and other key stakeholders and to ensure they influence the improvement of services and policy development.
- 14 To function as the Governing Body for the Virtual School for Looked After Children.

### **3. Implications for the Council**

To support the delivery of a Corporate Parenting Strategy across the Council and assist in ensuring effective and efficient services.

### **4. Consultees and their opinions**

Not applicable.

### **5. Next steps**

If approved, the Board will be re-constituted on a 1:1:1:1 political ratio.

### **6. Officer recommendations and reasons**

- 1) That approval be given to the re-establishment of the Corporate Parenting Board for the 2016-2017 Municipal Year.
- 2) That approval be given to the membership of the Board being on a 1:1:1:1 ratio.
- 3) That the Terms of Reference of the Board be unchanged from those previously approved on 24 June 2015, and as set out in this report.

### **7. Contact officer and relevant papers**

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