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KIRKLEES COUNCIL

CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD

Thursday 15th September 2016

Present: Jacqui Gedman (Chair)

Apologies: Councillor Erin Hill (Chair)
Councillor Karen Allison
Councillor Andrew Marchington
Councillor Gemma Wilson
Linda Patterson
Sarah Callaghan
Carly Speechley

In attendance: Boaler, Team Manager (PLacement Support)
Lockwood, Acting Team Manager
Mackey, Principal Educational Psychologist

Observers: Councillor John Lawson, Liberal Democrat - Deputy
Leader
Alaina McGlade, Governance & Democratic Engagement
Officer
Catherine Boaler, Team Manager (PLacement Support)
Jane Lockwood, Acting Team Manager
Lynne Mackey, Principal Educational Psychologist

1 Appointment of Chair

In the absence of Councillor Erin Hill, Cabinet Member for Family Support & Child Protection, Jacqui Gedman was appointed Chair of the Board for this meeting only.

2 Introductions and Apologies

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Cllr Erin Hill, Cllr Karen Allison, Cllr Andrew Marchington, Cllr Gemma Wilson, Linda Patterson, Interim Head of Corporate Parenting, Carly Speechley, Interim Assistant Director – Family Support & Child Protection & Sarah Callaghan, Director for Children & Young People.

3 Minutes of previous meeting

That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2016 be approved as a correct record subject to the inclusion of Steve Collins and Jacqui Gedman in the record of apologies.

4 Interests

No interests were declared.

5 Admission of the Public

The Panel considered the exclusion of the public and determined that all agenda items be considered in public session.

6 Deputations/Petitions

No deputations or petitions were received.

7 Public Question Time

No questions were received.

8 LAC Emotional Health - Pillars of Parenting

Lynne Mackey, Principal Educational Psychologist was in attendance at the meeting to provide the Board with a presentation on the steps being taken to address the emotional wellbeing of the looked after children population within Kirklees.

The presentation explained that the aim of Pillars of Parenting was to include an emotional warmth dimension to professional caregiving. The Board was advised that there were 8 pillars on which the principle focussed upon, four of which fell under the heading of "Sense of Wellbeing", two fell under "Managing Life Events" and two fell under "Social Confidence and Capital".

The Pillars were broken down as follows:

- Sense of Wellbeing
 - (1) Quality Care and Protection
 - (2) Warm relationships
 - (3) Positive self-perception
 - (4) Belonging
- Managing Life Events
 - (5) Enhancing resilience
 - (6) Teaching self-management
- Acquiring Social Confidence and Capital
 - (7) Improving emotional competence
 - (8) Developing personal and social responsibility

Lynne advised the Board that a pilot approach had been rolled out across residential homes with good outcomes and that a pilot was now being trialled with a selection of foster carers also. The Board questioned how the results were measured and it was explained that a baseline assessment is completed at the beginning of the process, with measures then being undertaken three times a year. It was advised that a development checklist was created, monitoring the results of these

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assessments and that monitoring visits had also taken place to incorporate feedback into the process.

The Board questioned how the team identified relevant children for the programme and they were advised that they were identified using their Strength & Difficulty questionnaire scores. It was also advised that going forward, the team would look to identify PoP champions who would advocate the process and communicate the positive outcomes achieved throughout their own personal experiences.

RESOLVED -

(1) That the update be received, with thanks to Lynne and Catherine for their attendance.

(2) That an evaluation on the PoP pilot in relation to residential homes could be undertaken (reflecting the New Council's thinking) and presented to a future meeting of the Panel.

(3) That an evaluation on the effect of PoP in relation to foster carers was required to be presented to the board but it was noted that this pilot was only in its early stages and the update would not be available until next year.

9 Preparation for Independence

RESOLVED - That consideration of this item be deferred to a future meeting of the Board.

10 Update on Transforming Corporate Parenting

RESOLVED - That consideration of this item be deferred to a future meeting of the Board.

11 Corporate Parenting Board Agenda Plan

RESOLVED - That consideration of this item be deferred to a future meeting of the Board.

12 Dates of Future Meetings

Dates of future meetings were noted.