

Name of meeting: Corporate Parenting Board

Date: 20th February 2017

Title of report: Revised Terms of Reference

Purpose of report: To provide Corporate Parenting Board with revised draft Terms of Reference and Board Membership for consideration and agreement prior to them being presented for adoption to Annual Council in May 2017.

Key Decision - 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
Key Decision - Is it in the Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports)?	No
The Decision - Is it eligible for "call in" by Scrutiny?	Not applicable
Date signed off by Director & name	Gill Ellis
Is it also signed off by the Assistant Director for Financial Management, IT, Risk and Performance?	No financial implications
Is it also signed off by the Assistant Director - Legal Governance and Monitoring?	No legal implications
Cabinet member portfolio	Cllr Erin Hill – Children's Services

Electoral wards affected: N/A

Ward councillors consulted: N/A

Public or private: Public

1. Summary

1.1 The report presents revised Terms of Reference and membership for the Board to be considered and proposed for adoption at Annual Council in May 2017. The existing terms of reference were agreed by Annual Council on 25th May 2016. The Terms of Reference and Membership are appended to this report.

2. Information required to take a decision

2.1 The information required to take a decision is contained in Appendix 1.

3. Implications for the Council

3.1 Early Intervention and Prevention (EIP)

The Corporate Parenting Board ensures that Council fulfils its statutory duties as corporate parents for Looked After Children. It hold services and partners to account for their performance in terms of the outcomes for looked after children and where early intervention and prevention approaches should be adopted or improved.

3.2 Economic Resilience (ER)

A key consideration of the Board relates to the extent that looked after children are prepared for adulthood including their ability to gain and sustain paid employment.

3.3 Improving Outcomes for Children

The Corporate Parenting Board provides the oversight and accountability function for the outcomes of all Kirklees looked after children.

3.4 Reducing demand of services

The Corporate Parenting Board drives improvements in outcomes for looked after children and in doing so should reduce the demand for services once looked after children leave the care system.

4. Consultees and their opinions

4.1 Not applicable

5. Next steps

5.1 Corporate Parenting Board consider, amend and agree the terms of reference and membership for adoption at the Annual Council meeting.

6. Officer recommendations and reasons

6.1 It is recommended that Corporate Parenting Board considers the draft terms of reference and agrees them prior to them being recommended for adoption at the Annual Council meeting.

7. Cabinet portfolio holder recommendation

7.1 The recommendation by the portfolio holder for Children's Services will be that the terms of reference are adopted by Annual Council meeting following their consideration at the Corporate Parenting Board.

8. Contact officer

Martin Green – Deputy Assistant Director, Learning and Skills 01484 221000

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9. Background Papers and History of Decisions

9.1 Terms of Reference Corporate Parenting Board – 25th May 2016 Annual Council Meeting

10. Assistant Director responsible

10.1 Carly Speechley, Assistant Director – Family Support and Child Protection