

Name of meeting: Annual Council
Date: 24th May 2017

Title of report: Corporate Parenting Board

Purpose of report: To re-establish Corporate Parenting Board for the 2017-2018 Municipal Year.

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?	No
Date signed off by Director & name Is it also signed off by the Assistant Director for Financial Management, IT, Risk and Performance? Is it also signed off by the Assistant Director - Legal Governance and Monitoring?	
Cabinet member portfolio	Cllr Erin Hill – Family Support and Child Protection

Electoral wards affected: All
Ward councillors consulted: Not applicable

Public or private: Public

1. Summary

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 2017-2018 Municipal Year on a 1:1:1:1 ratio based upon the Terms of Reference as set out in this report at Appendix 1.

2. Information required to take a decision

The Corporate Parenting Board supports the delivery of a Corporate Parenting Strategy across the Council and is driving the improvements in corporate parenting as identified in the Improvement Action Plan arising from the recommendations made by Ofsted following their Inspection in September 2016.

3. Implications for the Council

3.1 Early Intervention and Prevention (EIP)

The Corporate Parenting Board supports the delivery of EIP for children on the edge of care, those looked after by the Local Authority and those who

have left the care of the Local Authority. The Board seeks to ensure that young people receive the most appropriate interventions which will minimise the risks they face and which secure the best outcomes for them in the long-term.

3.2 Economic Resilience (ER)

The Corporate Parenting Board is responsible for securing the best educational, training and employment outcomes for looked after children and care leavers. Specific improvements are being overseen by the Board in relation to the high numbers of care leavers who are not in education, employment or training (NEET).

3.3 Improving Outcomes for Children

The Corporate Parenting Board, through its corporate parenting strategy, is directly responsible for improving outcomes for looked after children and care leavers.

3.4 Reducing demand of services

The Corporate Parenting Board works across the children's services landscape to ensure that children are only brought into care if that is the right decision for them and their families. A key priority for the Board is that of placement / fostering sufficiency in order that young people stay within Kirklees, where appropriate, and the demand for high cost placements outside the district is reduced.

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 2017-2018 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 updated from those previously approved on 25 May 2016, as set out in this report at Appendix 1.

7. Cabinet portfolio holder recommendation

The Cabinet portfolio holder recommends that the Corporate Parenting Board is re-established for the 2017-18 Municipal Year with membership on a 1:1:1:1 ratio and with the updated Terms of Reference at Appendix 1.

8. Contact officer

Martin Green

Deputy Assistant Director – Skills, Progression and Enterprise.

9. Background Papers and History of Decisions

Annual Council 2015 – Establishment of Corporate Parenting Board
Annual Council 2016 – Re-establishment of Corporate Parenting Board and update to Terms of Reference

10. Assistant Director responsible

Anne Coyle
Interim Assistant Director – Child Support and Family Protection