

Purpose: To ensure that the Council fulfills its responsibilities as good 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 by the cabinet portfolio holder to appropriate governance bodies including Cabinet.

The Board will meet for a minimum of six times per annum.

Membership:

Cabinet Portfolio Holder Member
Elected Members representing all political parties
Service Director, Family Support & Child Protection
Head of Service - Corporate Parenting
Virtual School Head Teacher
Virtual School Chair of Governing Body
Service Director Learning and Early Support
Health Commissioning Representative
Head of Children's Quality Assurance
Participation Officer

Representatives from a range of services and partner agencies will be invited as appropriate and will receive papers including: Director of Children's Services, Kirklees College, Calderdale and Kirklees Careers, Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub, Sufficiency Team, Performance Team, Kirklees Foster Carers Network and Kirklees Neighbourhood Housing

Terms of Reference:

- 1 To consider and recommend ways in which the Council can improve the life chances of all children in care and care leavers.
- 2 To advise the Council's Cabinet and other governance bodies 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 partnerships between council departments and partner agencies and that Council services and partners are held to account for their strategies and operational delivery.
- 5 To provide an opportunity for the voice of our children and young people to inform the considerations and recommendations of the Board.
- 6 To maintain a strategic overview of new developments, initiatives, plans, policies and strategies that impact on services for children and young people in or leaving our care.
- 7 To monitor the performance of the Council by receiving regular progress reports on all performance data relating to Corporate Parenting Services.
- 8 To receive regular reports on the progress and needs of care leavers including employment, further education, training, housing and health.

9. To consider statutory reports from the Adoption and Fostering Services, Independent Reviewing Officers, Residential and Youth Offending Teams and make recommendations.
10. To agree an annual work programme setting out its key priorities and areas for action.
- 11 To prepare an Annual Report in May 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 and support and participate in annual celebration events.