

Name of meeting: Corporate Parenting Board
Date: 11th March 2019
Title of report: Draft Corporate Parenting Strategy 2019-22

Purpose of report

1. To discuss the draft Corporate Parenting Strategy (both the broad approach and the details)
2. To ask for recommendations on who else should provide detailed input

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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?	Yes Significant effect on two or more electoral wards
Key Decision - Is it in the Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports?)	Yes To be done before deadline
The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	Yes
Date signed off by <u>Strategic Director</u> & name	Elaine McShane (27/2/19) Steve Comb (27/2/19)
Is it also signed off by the Service Director (Finance)?	N/A
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning?	N/A
Cabinet member portfolio	Children's – Cllr Viv Kendrick

Electoral wards affected: All

Ward councillors consulted: None

Public or private: Public

(Have you considered GDPR?): Yes (no personal information included in this report)
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1. **Summary**

The Corporate Parenting Strategy aims to build a corporate parenting ethos at all levels and in all parts of the organisation. It is also the umbrella strategy how we deliver our corporate parenting responsibilities.

2. **Information required to take a decision**

We are developing a Corporate Parenting Strategy to evidence, guide, and be accountable on our commitments to develop a strong Corporate Parenting ethos

3. **Implications for the Council**

3.1 **Working with People**

Corporate parenting means listening to and working with our children and care leavers, not making decisions about them without their involvement. This is therefore working with them, not doing to them.

3.2 **Working with Partners**

Our various partnership boards will have an important oversight role in the delivery on this strategy.

3.3 **Place Based Working**

Corporate parenting requires tailored support to our children in care and care leavers, and recognises that their environment can make the difference between a stable secure environment and one where the child or care leaver does not feel comfortable.

3.4 **Improving outcomes for children**

The Strategy emphasises effective developing an effective corporate parenting ethos throughout the organisation, developing the aspirations and achievements, health and wellbeing, and independence of our children in care and care leavers.

3.5 **Other (eg Legal/Financial or Human Resources)**

N/A

4. **Consultees and their opinions**

Colleagues across Council services have been identified and discussions are taking place on priorities, including with colleagues in Corporate Parenting, No.11, Children's Rights, Early Support, Assessment and Intervention, Education, Safeguarding, and Inclusion, and Health Improvement (Public Health).

Children in Care Council and Care Leavers Forum were consulted in July 2018 and February 2019.

This draft has been sent to the Kirklees Fostering Network for feedback.

Children's Scrutiny Panel to be consulted informally because other items have taken priority for the March agenda and the April session will not be early enough engagement for Scrutiny.

5. **Next steps and timelines**

Further development:

- Further discussions and consultation with stakeholders, including our children in care, care leavers, elected members, services, and service partners to develop the draft ongoing between now and the 20th March (which is the deadline for LMT, where a final draft should be presented).

- Agree comms support and deadlines etc.
- Improvement Board 21st February
- Corporate Parenting Board 21st February

Governance:

1. SLT 12th March
2. ET 19th March
3. Portfolio Holder's Briefing 18th March
4. LMT
5. Cabinet

25th March (Final Version for Sign-Off)

16th April (Final Version for Sign-Off)

6. **Officer recommendations and reasons**

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7. **Cabinet portfolio holder's recommendations**

N/A

8. **Contact officer**

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9. **Background Papers and History of Decisions**

N/A

10. **Service Director responsible**

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