

Name of meeting: Corporate Parenting Board
Date: 11 March 2019
Title of report: FUTURE FOCUS AND WORK PROGRAMME OF THE CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD

Purpose of report

To further discuss and agree specific actions relating to the future focus and work programme of the Corporate Parenting Board, following discussion at the Board on 14 February 2019.

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 – for information
Date signed off by <u>Strategic Director</u> & name	Elaine McShane for Mel Meggs (1.3.19)
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance IT and Transactional Services?	Not applicable
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning Support?	Not applicable
Cabinet member portfolio	Cllr V Kendrick (Children)

Electoral wards affected: None

Ward councillors consulted: None

Public or private: Public

Have you considered GDPR? Yes GDPR considered no service users identified

1. Summary

CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD – FUTURE FOCUS AND WORK PROGRAMME

On the 14th February 2019, the Corporate Parenting Board considered a report which facilitated a discussion relating to the future focus and work plan of the Board.

The Board members suggested the following topics and events to be considered in the future:-

- Customer and Exchequer – services for care leavers, eg Council Tax reductions
- KNH – Housing
- Representatives from Local Businesses
- Apprenticeships – how do we create more apprenticeships for Care Leavers
- Health and Wellbeing of children in care and care leavers
- Informal sessions with internal and external partners to talk about the role of corporate parenting
- The Board suggested that Elected Members on the Board could become Corporate Parenting Champions for specific elements of service delivery for example education or employment or housing and attend other forums to promote and challenge the role of the Corporate Parent and to ask about the voice of the child.

The Board agreed:-

- a. That Elected Members on the Board become Corporate Parenting Champions
- b. That informal events be arranged to invite partners and services to talk about the role of corporate parenting, a decision need to be taken in relation to frequency of the Board, and how the work of the Board is blended between visiting services and receiving commenting on reports, and visits to service provision and meeting with children and young people in care and care leavers
- c. That Visitors be invited to the Board, eg Chair of Licensing Committee – what is being done to keep children safe in Kirklees?

RESOLVED:-

1. That the forward plan of the Board would focus on the wider responsibility of the council as a corporate parent, and the engagement of a wide range of partners both within and outside of the council, and adherence with seven key principles of corporate parenting .
2. That the Board broadens its agenda beyond routine monitoring of data reports and strategies utilising its unique position to raise awareness and further improve outcomes for our children in care and care leavers.
3. That a proposal on the future work programme, frequency and role of the Board be considered at the next meeting which reflected the suggestions made on future agenda items and work of the Board to be taken forward.

The Board agreed that there should be a link with the Communications Team to promote good news stories considered by the Board.

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

Agreement of the Board members is sought on the frequency of the Board meetings and the activity of Board between meetings to hold informal sessions with a range of partners who currently work with children in care and care leavers and to engage with new partners.

3. **Implications for the Council**

3.1 **Working with People**

For the Board to engage with Children and Young People in Care and Care Leavers and practitioners.

3.2 **Working with Partners**

For the Board to engage with a range of partners who currently work with Children in Care and Care Leavers and for the Board to proactively engage potential new partners.

3.3 **Place Based Working**

Not applicable

3.4 **Improving Outcomes for Children**

For the Board to monitor and ensure that the seven key principles for Corporate Parenting that the Council subscribes to are applied in practice, and that the Corporate Parenting Strategy is delivered.

3.5 **Reducing demand of services**

Not applicable

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

Not applicable

4. **Consultees and their opinions**

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5. **Next steps**

The Corporate Parenting Board to agree the future work plan and frequency of meetings and what activity takes place between meetings.

6. **Officer recommendations and reasons**

That the report be noted, and Corporate Parenting Board agree a future work plan.

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

Not applicable

8. **Contact officer**

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

Draft Corporate Parenting Strategy and seven key principles

10. **Service Director responsible**

Elaine McShane, Service Director (Family Support and Child Protection)