

Name of meeting: Annual Council

Date: 22 May 2019

Title of report: Re-establishment of Boards and Working Parties for 2019-2020

Purpose of report: To re-establish the Corporate Parenting Board, the Kirklees Democracy Commission Working Party and the Climate Emergency Working Party for the 2019-2020 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 <u>Strategic Director</u> & name	N/A
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance IT and Transactional Services?	N/A
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning Support?	Julie Muscroft
Cabinet member portfolio	N/A

Electoral wards affected: All

Ward councillors consulted: Not applicable

Public or private: Public

(Have you considered GDPR?)

Yes – no individuals have been identified in this report.

1. Summary

To consider the re-establishment of (i) Corporate Parenting Board, (ii) Kirklees Democracy Commission Working Party and (iii) Climate Emergency Working Party for the 2019-2020 Municipal Year.

2. Information required to take a decision

(i) Corporate Parenting Board

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.

At the meeting of Council on 24 June 2015, a decision was taken to establish a Corporate Parenting Board and since then the Board has been reconstituted annually and the Terms of Reference updated. This Board is non-decision making and is not subject to access to information rules. This report seeks approval for the Board to be re-constituted for the 2019-2020 Municipal Year on a 1:1:1:1 ratio and based upon the Terms of Reference as set out below;

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 (bi-monthly).

Membership:

Cabinet Portfolio Holder Member
Elected Members representing all political parties
Chair of Children's Scrutiny Panel (ex-officio Member) or his/her nominee
Director of Children's Services
Service Director, Family Support & Child Protection
Service Director, Learning and Early Support
Head of Corporate Parenting (Sufficiency)
Head of Corporate Parenting (Children in Care and Care Leavers)
Virtual School Head Teacher
Virtual School Chair or Vice Chair of Governing Body
Head of Joint Commissioning
Head of Safeguarding and Quality Assurance
Head of Localities Offer (Children and Families)
Designated Nurse for Looked after children
Representatives from Kirklees Fostering Network
Service Manager (Kirklees Looked after Children Independent Services - Children's Rights Team)
Care Leavers Advocate (Family Support and Child Protection)
Head of Service, Assessment, Intervention and Front Door
Head of Service, Assessment and Intervention

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

Terms of Reference:

- 1 There is a requirement that all Board Members will make enquiries or visit services and partners to assist in exploring the role of the Council as a Corporate Parent and report back to the Board.
- 2 To consider and recommend ways in which the Council can improve the life chances of all children in care and care leavers.
- 3 To advise the Council's Cabinet and other governance bodies of actions that need to be taken.
- 4 To bring to the attention of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee any areas which may warrant Scrutiny consideration
- 5 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.
- 6 To provide an opportunity for the voice of our children and young people to inform the considerations and recommendations of the Board.
- 7 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.
- 8 To monitor the performance of the Council by receiving regular progress reports on all performance data relating to Corporate Parenting Services.
- 9 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 on the areas considered by the Board, including its work programme, for presentation to Council and Kirklees Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 11 To acknowledge and celebrate in the achievements of children and young people in care and support and participate in annual celebration events.
- 12 Review on an annual basis the Statements of Purpose of the Kirklees Fostering Service and Kirklees Registered Children's Homes
- 13 To receive an Annual Report on:-
 - One Adoption (West Yorkshire)
 - Children who go missing from care
 - Health of looked after children
 - The educational outcomes for looked after children
 - The work of the Leaving Care Service
 - Children and young people placed outside the Kirklees boundary

- Youth Offending Team relating to their work with children in care
- Private Fostering Service
- Children's Rights and Advocacy
- Complaints and Compliments
- Membership and Terms of Reference of the Board
- The Sufficiency of Placements for Children in Care

(ii) Kirklees Democracy Commission Working Party

At the meeting of Council on 15 November 2017 a decision was taken to establish the Kirklees Democracy Commission Working Party. This report seeks approval for the Working Party to be re-constituted for the 2019-2020 Municipal Year on a 3:2:1:1 ratio and based upon the Terms of Reference as set out below;

1. *To provide a councillor steer and have oversight of the planning and delivery of the Commission's recommendations (as appropriate)*
2. *To inform, and as appropriate lead and champion, specific strands of work both inside and outside the Council;*
3. *To undertake or commission pilot work in order to test and prototype, from a councillor perspective, before wider roll out and implementation;*
4. *To be a conduit between the Working Group and respective political groups in order to inform work as it develops;*
5. *To work in a way that is consistent with the principles adopted by the Commission:*
 - *Everything starts with the citizen*
 - *Working in the open*
 - *Having a partnership approach*
 - *Evidence led*

Meetings will provide an opportunity for the following:

- *Prioritise recommendations and subsequent areas of work from a councillor perspective;*
- *Commission specific activity to progress recommendations;*
- *Receive an overview of progress in delivering the Commission's recommendations and an opportunity to raise any project or programme issues and risks;*

(iii) Climate Emergency Working Party

At the meeting of Council on 16 January 2019 a decision was taken to establish a Climate Emergency Working Party. This report seeks approval for the Working Party to be re-constituted for the 2019-2020 Municipal year on a 4:1:1:1 ratio and based upon the Terms of Reference as set out below;

1. *Declare a Climate Emergency and publicise this to the people of Kirklees to raise awareness, and support the public to take effective action.*

2. Request Cabinet initiate a full Environmental Audit of Kirklees Council to measure its carbon footprint, identify hotspots and work toward being carbon neutral in line with the latest targets set and agreed by the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change; with Cabinet to report to the first meeting of the working party, referred to at 4 below on the scope of the environmental audit.

3. Significantly improve our recycling rate to reach the target of 55% by 2025, and ask that the Cabinet implement a range of short term measures to improve recycling rates, in advance of a full review of the waste collection and disposal service.

4. To set up a Councillor Working Party including the appropriate Cabinet Lead with a remit to:

- a) Commission and oversee the Environmental Audit
- b) Consult expert opinion in the field, as appropriate
- c) Identify practical measures to reduce emissions and the Council's carbon footprint
- d) Encourage action in the wider community, businesses and other key organisations e.g. NHS and Educational Institutions
- e) Report to Council within six months with an action plan to address the Emergency and incorporating proposals on the investment implications of this proposed activity

5. The Council to consider Environmental Impact as part of any new policy.

6. The Council to seek to collaborate with other Local and Regional Authorities on emission reduction projects as appropriate. The Leader of the Council to write to the Minister of State for Climate Change and Industry requesting that national policy is urgently developed to reflect the seriousness of the current emergency and to release funds to local authorities that would allow them to take the necessary measures at local level.

3. Implications for the Council

3.1 Working with People

Not applicable

3.2 Working with Partners

Not applicable

3.3 Place Based Working

Not applicable

3.4 Improving outcomes for children

Not applicable

3.5 Other (eg Legal/Financial or Human Resources)

Not applicable

4. Consultees and their opinions

Not applicable

5. Next steps

If approved, the Corporate Parenting Board and the Working Parties will be re-established in accordance with the Terms of Reference and Membership as set out in this report.

6. Officer recommendations and reasons

- 1) That approval be given to the re-establishment of the Corporate Parenting Board for the 2019-2020 Municipal Year in accordance with the Membership and Terms of Reference as set out above.
- 2) That approval be given to the re-establishment of the Democracy Commission Working Party for the 2019-2020 municipal year in accordance with the Membership and Terms of Reference as set out above.
- 3) That approval be given to the re-establishment of the Climate Emergency Working Party for the 2019-2020 municipal year in accordance with the Membership and Terms of Reference as set out above.
- 4) That authority be delegated to Group Business Managers to determine the Members of the Corporate Parenting Board and the Working Parties.

7. Cabinet portfolio holder's recommendation

Not applicable

8. Contact officer

Andrea Woodside, Principal Governance Officer

9. Background Papers and History of Decisions

Not applicable

10. Service Director responsible

Julie Muscroft – Legal, Governance and Commissioning

