

CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 5
18 JULY 2018	PUBLIC REPORT

Report of:	Corporate Director People and Communities	
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CORPORATE PARENTING CHAMPIONS REPORT

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: Corporate Parenting Committee Chair	Deadline date:
<p>It is recommended that the Corporate Parenting Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes the content of the report, and • Confirm the appointment of Corporate Parenting Champions 	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report is submitted to Corporate Parenting Committee following the recent Cabinet and Committee changes made at Annual Council on 21 May 2018.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 2.1 This report will allow the Committee to review the current Corporate Parenting Champions allocations, which is in line with the recent Cabinet and Committee changes made.
- 2.2 This report is for Corporate Parenting Committee to consider under its Terms of Reference 2.4.3.6 To appoint elected members as Champions for Children in Care in respect of the following strands:
- i) Housing
 - ii) Employment and training opportunities within council departments and with partner agencies
 - iii) Health
 - iv) Educational Attainment and access to Higher Education
 - v) Recreation and Leisure activities
 - vi) Finance and benefits
- 2.4 The report addresses all areas of the Children In Care Pledge and the Care Leavers' Charter. It specifically addresses the requirement to deliver effective support to Children In Care by validating and triangulating information to quality assure services.

3. TIMESCALES

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	
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4. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

4.1 In July 2017 the Corporate Parenting Committee Champions for 2017 – 18 were confirmed as:

Champion Role	Councillor
Housing	Cllr Saltmarsh
Employment and Training Opportunities within the Council Departments and Partner Agencies	Cllr Ayres
Health	Cllr Bull
Education Attainment and access to higher education	Cllr Ayres
Recreation and Leisure activities	Cllr Smith
Finance and benefits	Cllr Sylvester

It was also agreed that in between each Committee the Corporate Parenting Champion would be responsible for the following:

- a) Meeting with the Lead Officer
- b) Undertaking a site visit
- c) Meeting with a child in care / young person / service user / other officers and discuss their experience of the service for Children in Care
- d) Contributing to a brief report back to the Committee, jointly between Champion and Lead Officer

Key Issues

Following the Annual Council changes the positions of Champions has been reviewed. Corporate Parenting Committee members were asked if they wished to be considered as a Champion. The following have expressed an interest.

Champion Role	Councillor
Housing	Cllr Saltmarsh
Employment and Training Opportunities within the Council Departments and Partner Agencies	Cllr Ayres
Health	Vacant
Education Attainment and access to higher education	Cllr Ayres
Recreation and Leisure activities	Cllr Smith
Finance and benefits	Cllr Bond

The appointment of the Corporate Champions is to be confirmed.

5. CONSULTATION

5.1 Corporate Parenting Committee members were asked to express an interest in the Champion positions.

6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

6.1 Ensure there is a more robust approach to supporting the experiences of children and young people in order to improve their lives.

7. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

7.1 Statutory requirement.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

8.1 N/A

9. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

9.1 N/A

Legal Implications

9.2 N/A

Equalities Implications

9.3 N/A

Other Implications

9.4 The appointment of Corporate Parenting Champions provides an opportunity to ensure that the level of service provided to Children in care and care leavers is to the highest standard.

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

10.1 None

11. APPENDICES

11.1 N/A

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