

CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 6
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Report of:	Corporate Director People and Communities	
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CORPORATE PARENTING CHAMPIONS REPORT - 2020 - 2021

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
FROM: Corporate Parenting Committee Chair	Deadline date: N/A
<p>It is recommended that the Corporate Parenting Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes the content of the report, and • Confirms the positions and appointments 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 29 July 2020.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

2.1 This report will allow the Committee to review the current Corporate Parenting Champions positions and 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 2.4.4.6 To appoint elected members as Champions for Children in Care, with the roles being decided and approved by the Committee at the first formal meeting of the municipal year. Suggested Champion roles are as follows:

- i) Housing, Finance and Benefits - Councillor Sandra Bond
- ii) Education Employment and Training and Access to Higher Education - Councillor Bashir
- iii) Health - Councillor Robinson
- iv) Recreation and Leisure Activities – Vacant
- v) Effective Care Planning - Councillor Jones

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	N/A
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4. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

4.1 In July 2019 the Corporate Parenting Committee Champions for 2019 – 20 were confirmed as:

Champion Role	Councillor
Housing, Finance and Benefits	Cllr Sandra Bond
Education Employment and Training and Access to Higher Education	Cllr Bashir
Health	Cllr Robinson
Recreation and Leisure activities	Cllr Day
Effective Care Planning	Cllr Jones

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 meeting held on 29 July 2020, changes to the positions of Champions were reviewed at the Corporate Parenting Committee informal meeting held on 23 September 2020. Corporate Parenting Committee members were asked if they wished to be considered as a Champion. Following the 23 September informal meeting, Councillor Day gave her resignation as Committee Member and therefore, the Recreation and Leisure Activities has become vacant. The following have expressed an interest:

Champion Role	Councillor
Housing, Finance and Benefits	Cllr Sandra Bond
Education Employment and Training and Access to Higher Education	Cllr Bashir
Health	Cllr Robinson
Recreation and Leisure activities	Vacant
Effective Care Planning	Cllr Jones

The appointment of the Corporate Champions will be confirmed at its first formal meeting of Corporate Parenting Committee on 25 November 2020.

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 The appointment of champions to specific service areas for Children and Young People in care, provides a focussed approach to meeting their requirements.

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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