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| CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE (FORMAL) | AGENDA ITEM No. 6 |
| 21 JULY 2021 | PUBLIC REPORT |

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| Report of: | Corporate Director People and Communities | |
| Cabinet Member(s) responsible: | Councillor Lynne Ayres, Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education, Skills and the University. | |
| Contact Officer(s): | Myra O'Farrell, Head of Service | Tel. 864391 |

CORPORATE PARENTING CHAMPIONS REPORT - 2021 - 2022

| RECOMMENDATIONS | |
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| 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, • Confirm the Corporate Champion Roles, 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 26 May 2021.

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 I Hussain
- iii) Health - Councillor Robinson
- iv) Recreation and Leisure Activities – Councillor I Hussain
- 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

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| 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 November 2020 the Corporate Parenting Committee Champions for 2020 – 2021 were confirmed as:

| Champion Role | Councillor |
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| 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 26 May 2021, changes to the positions of Champions have been reviewed at its informal meeting held on 16 June 2021. Corporate Parenting Committee members were asked if they wished to be considered as a Champion.

The following have expressed an interest:

| Champion Role | Councillor |
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| Housing, Finance and Benefits | Cllr S Bond |
| Education, Employment and Training Opportunities within the Council Departments and Partner Agencies | Cllr I Hussain |
| Health | Cllr Robinson |
| Recreation and Leisure activities | Cllr I Hussain |
| Effective Care Planning | Cllr Jones |

The appointment of the Corporate Champions will be confirmed at its first formal meeting of

Corporate Parenting Committee on 21 July 2021.

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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