

CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE (FORMAL)	AGENDA ITEM No. 12
21 JULY 2021	PUBLIC REPORT

Report of:	Director of Law and Governance	
Cabinet Member(s) responsible:	Councillor Ayres, Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education, Skills and the University.	
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DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2021/2022 AND REVIEW OF WORK IN 2020/21

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: Director of Law and Governance	Deadline date: N/A
<p>It is recommended that Corporate Parenting Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Notes the 2020/2021 year in review and makes recommendations on the future monitoring of these items where necessary. II. Determines its priorities, and approves the draft work programme for formal and informal meetings for 2021/22 attached at Appendix 1. III. Notes the Recommendations and Actions Monitoring Report attached at Appendix 4 and considers if further monitoring of these during the 2021/22 municipal year is required. IV. Notes the Terms of Reference for this Committee as set out in Part 3, Delegations Section 2 – Regulatory Committee Functions, 2.4. 	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

- 1.1 The report is presented to the Committee on behalf of the Director of Law and Governance.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 2.1 To enable the Committee to discuss its objectives and priorities for 2021/22 and to approve the draft work programme for 2021/22 (Appendix 1).

The report also provides the Committee with the opportunity to review its work conducted throughout the municipal year 2020/21. A copy of the actions and recommendation made are attached at Appendix 4.

- 2.2 This item is being presented to Corporate Parenting Committee under its terms of reference 2.4.4.5): Raise awareness in Peterborough City Council and the wider community by promoting the role of Members as corporate parents and the Council as a large corporate family with key responsibilities.

- 2.3 In accordance with the Constitution, the Committee is responsible for agreeing a skeleton work programme annually which will be reviewed at each formal meeting. In reviewing the work programme, the Committee may agree to request reports on particular matters of their own preference or as advised by the lead officer.

2.4 The Work Programme links into all of the Children in Care Pledge Priorities and Care Leavers Charter.

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 The Corporate Parenting Committee was established by Council at its meeting on 13 July 2016. The Committee is scheduled to meet six times a year bi-monthly preceded by an agenda setting meeting.

4.2 Three meetings are formal Committee meetings and three informal meetings. The purpose of the informal meetings will be to engage with looked after children, young people and their representatives.

As part of the Committee's programme of works it can also:

- Make formal recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Children's Services, and to Cabinet collectively;
- Formally report any issues to the relevant Scrutiny Committee, to full Council, or other bodies, such as the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership and the Health and Wellbeing Board.

4.3 The Committee Membership consists of:

- Eleven elected Members
- Up to four Children in Care Council Representatives – with no voting rights
- Up to four Foster Carer Forum Representatives – with no voting rights

4.4 In addition, the Committee has the ability to appoint non-voting co-opt members to help them undertake their work and responsibilities if they feel necessary.

4.5 A work programming session was held at the informal meeting on 16 June 2021 with Members of the Corporate Parenting Committee (CPC) and the Children in Care Council representatives at a virtual meeting in order to prioritise the work of the CPC for the municipal year 2021/2022.

5 **REVIEW OF 2020/21**

5.1 During the year 2020/2021, the Committee considered the following issues:

Information/updates

- A report on education provision during lockdown, attainment and education opportunities for USACS
- University Experience For Our Care Leavers In Relation To Impact Of Covid
- Update on the local offer for care leavers, apprenticeship update and work opportunity update.
- Annual Report of the Corporate Parenting to the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee.
- Annual Independent Review Officer Report
- Annual Health Report
- Report on the final structure for the Clinical Offer for Children in Care.
- Report to confirm the new regional adoption agency and Foster Care Structures.

Standing Agenda Items Include:

- Updates from Foster Carers (formal meetings)
- Children in Care Council (informal meetings)
- You Asked We Did (informal meetings)
- Various Case Studies (informal meetings)
- Corporate Parenting Champion Updates (updates listed below in the report)
- Members Issues

Monitoring Items Include:

- Performance reports, Placements of Children in Care and Scorecard
- Health report
- Case Studies (informal meetings)

Corporate Parenting Committee Champion Briefing Notes:

- Passport to independence update
- Statutory Health Assessments update
- Housing for care leavers
- Post 16 Skills and Education

5.2 For the information of the Committee, a copy of the progress on actions and recommendations raised during the year are attached at Appendix 4

6. CONSULTATION

6.1 N/A

7. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

7.1 To ensure the Corporate Parenting Committee fulfil the requirements as set out in the terms of reference attached at Appendix 2.

8. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

8.1 None.

Legal Implications

8.2 Continuous improvement and approval of the coming year's Corporate Parenting priorities providing a planned and focussed approach to the work of Corporate Parenting, is in keeping with good governance.

Equalities Implications

8.3 None

Other Implications

8.4 Setting and agreeing the draft work programme for 2021/22 and reviewing the past year's work provides an opportunity to ensure that the level of service provided to children in care and care leavers is to the highest standard.

9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

9.1 Minutes of the Council meeting held 13 July 2016.

10. APPENDICES

- 10.1 Appendix 1 - Draft Work Programme 2021/22
- Appendix 2 - Terms of Reference
- Appendix 3 - Children in Care Pledge and Care Leavers Pledge
- Appendix 4 - Progress on actions and recommendations made in 2020/21