

CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE (FORMAL)	AGENDA ITEM No. 13
23 NOVEMBER 2022	PUBLIC REPORT

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UPDATE TO CORPORATE PARENTING CHAMPIONS ROLES - 2022 - 2023

RECOMMENDATIONS	
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, • Confirm the amended Corporate Champion roles, • Confirm the appointment of the revised Champion roles, and • To confirm the responsibilities of the Corporate Champion roles and reporting requirements. 	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report is submitted to Corporate Parenting Committee following a recent review of the Champion Roles.

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 thematic areas in relation to services for children in care and young people.

- 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 and amendments are as follows:

- i) Support for Care Experienced Young People (Housing, Finance and Asylum Issues) - Councillor Sandra Bond
- ii) 0-25 Education, Employment and Training (including the Combined Authority and Partners) - Councillor Sainsbury
- iii) 0-25 Physical and Mental Health and Emotional Well Being - Councillor Robinson
- iv) Citizenship, Participation and Leisure activities – Councillor Barkham
- v) Placement Sufficiency and Care Planning (to be deleted)
- vi) Fostering – Councillor Knight (to be deleted)
- vii) Fostering Retention - (to be agreed and Councillor Knight to be appointed)
- viii) Fostering Marketing and Recruitment - (to be agreed and Councillor Jones to be appointed)

- 2.3 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 2022 the Corporate Parenting Committee Champions and roles for 2022 – 2023 were confirmed as:

Champion Role	Councillor
Support for Care Experienced Young People (Housing, Finance and Asylum Issues)	Cllr Sandra Bond
0-25 Education, Employment and Training (including the Combined Authority and Partners)	Cllr Sainsbury
0-25 Physical and Mental Health and Emotional Well Being	Cllr Robinson
Citizenship, Participation and Leisure activities	Cllr Barkham
Placement Sufficiency and Care Planning	Cllr Jones
Fostering	Cllr Knight

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
- e) Contributing to the Corporate Parenting Committee's annual report to Children and Education Scrutiny Committee.

Key Issues

Following the Annual Council meeting held on 23 May 2022, changes to the positions of Champions were discussed at a work programming session on 26 May 2022 and at the informal CPC meeting on 15 July 2022 and finally agreed at Committee on 20 July 2022. Corporate Parenting Committee members were asked if they wished to be considered as a Champion.

Work during the municipal year 2022 on Champion roles had begun, however it has become apparent that the Fostering Champion role required a dedicated focus on retention, marketing and recruitment. It was therefore proposed at an agenda setting meeting, that the role would be

split into two areas of responsibility with a focus on foster carer retention and another on marketing and recruitment.

A document attached to this report sets out the thematic areas of the Champion role to be covered, the responsibilities and lead officer support.

The following outlines the champion roles that had been appointed to at the July meeting along with expressions of interest for the fostering champion roles to include:

Champion Role	Councillor
Support for Care Experienced Young People (Housing, Finance and Asylum Issues)	Cllr S Bond
0-25 Education, Employment and Training (including the Combined Authority and Partners)	Cllr Sainsbury
0-25 Physical and Mental Health and Emotional Well Being	Cllr Robinson
Citizenship, Participation and Leisure activities	Cllr Barkham
Placement Sufficiency and Care Planning	To be deleted
Fostering Retention	Cllr Knight (new nomination)
Fostering Marketing and Recruitment	Cllr Jones (new nomination)

The amendment and appointments of the Corporate Champions will be confirmed at the formal meeting of Corporate Parenting Committee on 23 November 2022.

5. CONSULTATION

5.1 The Chairman of Corporate Parenting has been consulted on the proposals.

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 N/A

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 Corporate Parenting Champion Roles, Appointments and Responsibilities.