

CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM NO. 4
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Report of the Director of Governance

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TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE AND DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2016/17

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To enable the Committee to discuss its objectives and priorities for 2016/17 and to approve the draft work programme for 2016/17 (Appendix 1).

This item is being presented to Committee under its terms of reference 3.5) 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. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee determines its priorities, and approves the draft work programme for formal and informal meetings attached at Appendix 1.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE 2016/17

- 3.1 The Corporate Parenting Committee was established by Council at its meeting on 13 July 2016.

4. FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

- 4.1 The Committee is scheduled meet six times a year bi-monthly preceded by an agenda setting meeting.
- 4.2 At least three meetings will be formal committee meetings and three informal meetings. The purpose of the informal meetings will be to engage with children, young people and their representatives.

5. WORK PROGRAMME 2016/17

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 The Committee's remit is:

To act as advocates for looked after children and care leavers.

To receive statutory reports in relation to the adoption, fostering, commissioning, looked after children services and children's homes with a view to recommending any changes.

<p>Ensure that the needs of looked after children and care leavers are addressed through key plans, policies and strategies throughout the Council overseeing interagency working arrangements.</p>
<p>Review complaints from looked after children to ensure officers have dealt with these appropriately and made any recommendations for change.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>To monitor the quality of care delivered by the City Council and review the performance of outcomes for children and young people in care.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Raise the profile of the needs of looked after children and care leavers through a range of actions including through the organising of celebratory events for the recognition of achievement. (b) Ensure that leisure, cultural, further education and employment opportunities are offered and taken up by our looked after children and care leavers. (c) Promote the development of participation and ensure that the view of children and young people are regularly heard through the Corporate Parenting Committee to improve educational, health and social outcomes to raise aspiration and attainments. (d) Hold meetings with children and young people in care, frontline staff and foster carers to inform the committee of the standards of care and improvement outcomes for looked after children. (e) Monitor the ongoing commitment to providing support, training and clarity of expectations to foster carers to achieve excellent and high quality care. (f) To appoint elected members as Champions for Children in Care in respect of the following strands: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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

5.3 A draft work programme which shows the items identified for Corporate Parenting Committee is attached..

6. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

6.1 Minutes of the Council meeting held 13 July 2016

7. APPENDICES

- 7.1 Appendix 1 – Terms of Reference
- Appendix 2 – Draft Work Programme 2016/17

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