

CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 13
17 JULY 2019	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 2019/2020 AND REVIEW OF WORK IN 2018/19

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
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 2018/2019 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 2019/20 attached at Appendix 1. III. Notes the Recommendations Monitoring Report attached at Appendix 2 and considers if further monitoring of the recommendations made during the 2018/2019 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 2019/20 and to approve the draft work programme for 2019/20 (Appendix 1).

The report also provides the Committee with the opportunity to review its work conducted throughout the municipal year 2018/19. A copy of the actions and recommendations 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, Education, Skills and the University, 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 A work programming session was held on 12 June 2019 with Members of the Corporate Parenting Committee (CPC) and the Children in Care Council representatives in order to prioritise the work of the CPC for the municipal year 2019/2020.

5 **REVIEW OF 2018/19**

5.1 During the year 2018/2019, the Committee considered the following issues:

5.2 **Information/updates**

- Regular updates were received from the Foster Carer Forum and Children in Care Council.
- Updates from Corporate Parenting Champions (informal meeting)
- Report on 0-25 Service Redesign, including transition services
- Report on Unaccompanied Asylum seeking Children health report
- Missing from Care and CSE update
- Virtual Schools Attainment report to include an update on SEND; and Children who are not in full time education
- SEND update in relation to CIC
- Work & Training Opportunities for Young people moving on from care
- Permanency report placements report which included:
 - Adoption Annual Report
 - Fostering report
 - Reg 44 report
 - TACT innovations undertaken to reduce the number of children taken into care
- Independent Reviewing Officer Annual Report

5.3 **Monitoring**

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

5.4 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

8.4 Other Implications

Setting and agreeing the draft work programme for 2019/20 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 2019/20
Appendix 2 - Terms of Reference
Appendix 3 - Children in Care Pledge
Appendix 4 - Progress on actions and recommendations made in 2018/2019

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