

CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 4
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CORPORATE PARENTING CHAMPIONS REPORT

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: Corporate Parenting Committee Chair	Deadline date:
<p>It is recommended that the Corporate Parenting Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes the content of the report, 2. Agrees the Champion roles recommended; and 3. Appoints Members to the agreed Corporate Parenting Champion roles. 	

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 20 May 2019.

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
- 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
- vii) Effective Care Planning

- 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	
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4. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

4.1 In July 2018 the Corporate Parenting Committee Champions for 2018 – 19 were confirmed as:

Champion Role	Councillor
Housing	Cllr Stokes
Employment and Training Opportunities within the Council Departments and Partner Agencies	Cllr Ayres
Health	Cllr Aitken
Education Attainment and access to higher education	Cllr Ayres
Recreation and Leisure activities	Cllr Smith
Finance and benefits	Cllr A Bond

The Committee is asked to note a change to its terms of reference in respect to Champion appointments, which was ratified at Council on 12 December 2018 following a recommendation made by the Committee at its informal meeting dated 12 September 2018. The recommendation was as follows:

The Committee **RECOMMENDED** to Council that the additional Champion role for Effective Care Planning be included within the Corporate Parenting Committee terms of reference, in order to support Children in Care and their carer families, with the aim to improve the stability of placements.

The Effective Care Planning position was also formally ratified at the formal Corporate Parenting Committee held on 21 November 2018.

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

Changes to the Champion positions were reviewed at its informal meeting held on 12 June 2019. Corporate Parenting Committee Members were asked if they felt the positions were in keeping with the Committee's work and they requested that some of the positions be combined in order to improve management. Following a review at a recent agenda setting meeting, the following positions were identified and have been put forward for formal approval:

Champion Role	Councillor
Housing, Finance and benefits	
Education Employment and Training and Access to Higher Education	
Health	
Recreation and Leisure activities	
Effective Care Planning	

An outline of the responsibilities under each Champion position is listed on Appendix 1.

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

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 Appendix 1 - Champion Role Information Sheet