

CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 4
24 NOVEMBER 2021	PUBLIC REPORT

Report of:	Corporate Director People and Communities	
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CORPORATE PARENTING CHAMPIONS REPORT - 2021 - 2022

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, • Approves the amended Corporate Champion Roles, and • Confirm the appointment of Corporate Parenting Champions to the vacant positions. 	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report is submitted to Corporate Parenting Committee following the recent vacancies arising from a change in committee membership. In addition, the committee are asked to delete the Effective Care Planning position as the work in this area has been completed and effectively implemented.

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 vacant roles being decided and approved by the Committee for the rest of the municipal year. The following amendments to Champion roles for 2021/2022 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 - Nominated
- iii) 0-25 Physical and Mental Health and Emotional Well Being - Councillor Robinson
- iv) Citizenship, Participation and Leisure Activities – Vacant
- v) Placement Sufficiency and Effective Care Planning - Councillor Jones

- 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 2021 the Corporate Parenting Committee Champions for 2021 – 2022 were confirmed as:

Champion Role	Councillor
Housing, Finance and Benefits	Cllr Sandra Bond
Education Employment and Training and Access to Higher Education	Cllr Ishfaq Hussain
Health	Cllr Robinson
Recreation and Leisure activities	Cllr Ishfaq Hussain
Effective Care Planning	Cllr Jones

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

Following a recent change in Committee Membership on 18 October 2021, the opportunity was taken to review the champion titles to provide a more explanatory description of the roles.

It is intended that the Champions appointed at the meeting held on 21 July 2021, would retain their positions.

It should be noted that there have been no nominations to the proposed role of Citizenship, Participation and Leisure activities and members are also asked to nominate to this position. This role will link specifically to the Children in Care Council and the Care Leavers' Forum.

The Committee are asked to consider and approve the amended positions and appoint to the vacant champion roles accordingly.

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 - Nominated
0-25 Physical and Mental Health and Emotional Well Being	Cllr Robinson
Citizenship, Participation and Leisure activities	Vacant
Placement Sufficiency and Effective Care Planning	Cllr Jones

The amendment to champion roles and appointments of the Corporate Champions will be confirmed at the Corporate Parenting Committee on 24 November 2021.

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 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 N/A