

## **Corporate Parenting Champions Peterborough**

Every elected member is, by definition, a corporate parent, and has the responsibility to champion children looked after and care leavers within all their work to ensure this group of young people are recognised and their individual needs met.

It is appreciated that not all elected members will have the same knowledge or level of involvement and it was suggested at an agenda setting meeting that having in place thematic Champions to support and ensure that there is a focus on children looked after and care experienced young people would be beneficial.

This role is an active one and each respective champion will be expected to develop their knowledge and understanding of the area of activity relating to their Champion role. The responsibility of the Champion would be, to question, and where necessary to challenge and to be involved in opportunities to meet and work with children who are looked after and care leavers so that they can ensure that the quality of care provided is good and that our children and young people secure good outcomes.

These roles carry clear responsibilities for knowledge, scrutiny and advocacy.

Possible thematic areas to be covered

Permanency/ Stable and secure home environment/ sufficiency of homes for children/how we look after our children living out of city
Raising attainment – education, access to higher education, training and employment
Rights and Participation
Health (including mental health) and wellbeing
Housing
Foster carer recruitment and retention

Champion Role	Councillor	Officer Contact	Reports to Feed Into
Support for Care Experienced Young People (Housing, Finance and Asylum Issues)	Cllr Sandra Bond	Mick McCarthy, Service Manager for Corporate Parenting (Care Leavers)	Placements
0-25 Education, Employment and Training (including the Combined Authority and Partners)	Cllr Oliver Sainsbury	Dee Glover Head of the Virtual School Mick McCarthy Service Manager for Corporate Parenting (Care Leavers)	Education

0-25 Physical and Mental Health and Emotional Well Being	Cllr Lucinda Robinson	Catherine York Designated Nurse Children in Care Lauren Smith, Team Manager Corporate Parenting	Health
Citizenship, Participation and Leisure activities	Cllr Simon Barkham	Marie Hennessey- Quentin, Team Manager Corporate Parenting (Shalina Chandoo, Quality Assurance Lead)	Children in Care Council Feedback
Foster Carer Retention	Cllr Kirsty Knight to confirm appointment	Despina Kaoura, Service Manager Fostering Anita Hewson, Service Manager Fostering	Placement
Foster Carer Marketing and Recruitment	Cllr Dennis Jones to be appointed	Despina Kaoura, Service Manager Fostering Anita Hewson, Service Manager Fostering	Placement
Placement Sufficiency and Care Planning	<del>To be deleted</del>	<del>Michaela Berry, Service Manager, Corporate Parenting</del>	Placement

### **Expectations**

To raise the profile of children in care and care leavers to make sure their voice is heard in all council forums

To seek opportunities to participate in any key events that take place during the municipal year.

To hold up to 3 meetings each municipal year with the identified service lead to develop knowledge and understanding of successes and challenges.

To provide a verbal update on the improvements/challenges for lead area at the informal corporate parenting committee

To provide a short-written report at the end of the municipal year to feed into the Corporate Parenting Annual Report.

An Induction for Champions will be provided by the service and access to training as required