

CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 6
19 JULY 2023	PUBLIC REPORT

Report of:	John Gregg Executive Director Children's and Young People Services	
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CORPORATE PARENTING CHAMPIONS REPORT - 2023 - 2024

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, • Confirm the Corporate Champion Roles, and • Confirm the appointment of Corporate Parenting Champions 	

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 22 May 2023.

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) Support for Care Experienced Young People (Housing, Finance and Asylum)
- ii) 0-25 Education, Employment and Training (including the Combined Authority and Partners)
- iii) 0-25 Physical and Mental Health and Emotional Well Being
- iv) Citizenship, Participation and Leisure activities
- v) Foster Carer Retention
- vi) Foster Carer Marketing and Recruitment

2.3 The report addresses all areas of the Children In Care Promise 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 November 2023 the Corporate Parenting Committee Champions and roles for 2022 – 2023 were confirmed as:

Champion Role	Councillor
Support for Care Experienced Young People (Housing, Finance and Asylum)	Cllr Sandra Bond
0-25 Education, Employment and Training (including the Combined Authority and Partners)	Cllr Oliver Sainsbury
0-25 Physical and Mental Health and Emotional Well Being	Cllr Lucinda Robinson
Citizenship, Participation and Leisure activities	Cllr Barkham
Foster Carer Retention	Cllr Knight
Foster Carer Marketing and Recruitment	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 the Annual Council meeting held on 22 May 2023, changes to the positions of Champions have been reviewed at the Corporate Parenting Committee work programming session held on 1 June 2023 and at the informal meeting held on 14 June 2023. Corporate Parenting Committee members were asked if they wished to be considered as a Champion.

The following have expressed an interest:

Champion Role	Councillor
Support for Care Experienced Young People (Housing, Finance and Asylum Issues)	Cllr Sandra Bond
0-25 Education, Employment and Training (including the Combined Authority and Partners)	Vacant
0-25 Physical and Mental Health and Emotional Well Being	Vacant – Nomination for Cllr Katy Cole
Citizenship, Participation and Leisure activities	Vacant
Foster Carer Retention	Vacant
Foster Carer Marketing and Recruitment	Cllr Jones

The appointment of the Corporate Champions will be confirmed at its first formal meeting of Corporate Parenting Committee on 19 July 2023.

5. Corporate Priorities

Consider how the recommendation links to the Council's Corporate Priorities:

Prevention, Independence & Resilience

- *Children*

The Corporate Parenting Elected members become Champions of a particular area i.e. Housing / fostering. This champions group is about raising awareness of corporate parenting throughout the organisation and sharing with colleague's ways that they can get involved in corporate parenting activities such as volunteering. Champions attend meetings with lead officers and brief other Corporate Parenting Committee Members on their findings, including what next steps they intend to take next.

6. CONSULTATION

- 6.1 Corporate Parenting Committee members were asked to express an interest in the Champion positions.

7. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

- 7.1 Ensure there is a more robust approach to supporting the experiences of children and young people in order to improve their lives.

8. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 8.1 Statutory requirement.

9. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 9.1 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

12. APPENDICES

12.1 N/A