

<b>CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM No. 5</b>
17 JULY 2024	<b>PUBLIC REPORT</b>

Report of:	Director of Legal and Governance and Monitoring Officer	
Cabinet Member(s) responsible:	Councillor Cole Cabinet Member for Children's Services	
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**DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2024/2025 AND REVIEW OF WORK IN 2023/24**

RECOMMENDATIONS	
<b>FROM:</b> Director of Legal and Governance	<b>Deadline date:</b> N/A
<p>It is recommended that Corporate Parenting Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Notes the 2023/2024 year in review and makes recommendations on the future monitoring of these items where necessary.</li> <li>II. Determines its priorities and approves the draft work programme for formal and informal meetings for 2024/25 attached at Appendix 1.</li> <li>III. Notes the Recommendations and Actions Monitoring Report attached at Appendix 4 and considers if further monitoring of these during the 2023/24 municipal year is required.</li> <li>IV. Notes the Terms of Reference for this Committee as set out in Part 3, Delegations Section 2 – Regulatory Committee Functions, 2.4.</li> </ol>	

**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 2024/25 and to approve the draft work programme for 2024/25 (Appendix 1).

The report also provides the Committee with the opportunity to review its work conducted throughout the municipal year 2023/24. A copy of the actions and recommendation 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. Following the recent Ofsted Review and the pending

LGA Peer Review, it was felt by Committee members would finalise the work programme after the July formal meeting.

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?	<b>NO</b>	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, 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 The Committee Membership consists of:

- Eleven elected Members
- Up to four Children in Care Council Representatives – with no voting rights
- Up to four Foster Carer Forum Representatives – with no voting rights

4.4 In addition, the Committee can appoint non-voting co-opt members to help them undertake their work and responsibilities if they feel necessary.

4.5 A work programming session was held on 29 May 2024 and at the informal meeting on 12 June 2024 with Members of the Corporate Parenting Committee (CPC) and the Children in Care Council representatives at a meeting to prioritise the work of the CPC for the municipal year 2024/2025.

### 5 **REVIEW OF 2023/24**

5.1 During the year 2023/2024, the Committee considered the following issues:

#### **Information/updates**

- Annual Adoption Report
- Annual Fostering Service Report
- Annual Independent Reviewing Officer Report
- Children in Care that go Missing
- Annual Virtual School Report
- Annual Corporate Parenting Committee Report to the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee 2022-2023
- Annual Health Report

### Standing Agenda Items Include:

- Updates from Foster Carers (formal meetings)
- Children in Care Council (informal meetings)
- You Asked We Did (informal meetings)
- Various Case Studies which included Supervised Contact, Virtual Schools, Operations and Placements, SDQ and Dental provision updates (informal meetings)
- Corporate Parenting Champion Updates (updates listed below in the report)
- Members Issues
- Questions from the Children in Care Council (informal meetings)
- Ice Breaker sessions hosted by the CiCC

### Monitoring Items Include:

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

### Corporate Parenting Committee Champion Briefing Notes:

Corporate Champion	Topic
Foster Carer recruitment	Enhancing Foster Carer Recruitment to attract new carers to include all communities
Foster Carer recruitment	Update on NCAS
0-25 Education, Employment and Training (including the Combined Authority and Partners)	Virtual School
Support for Care Experienced Young People (Housing, Finance and Asylum Issues)	Care Leavers accommodation and the Care Leaver Offer

5.2 Champions can also provide updates at the informal Corporate Parenting Committee and there is a standing item set for this.

5.3 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 2024/25 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 2024/25  
Appendix 2 - Terms of Reference  
Appendix 3 - Children in Care Pledge and Care Leavers Pledge  
Appendix 4 - Progress on actions and recommendations made in 2023/24