

CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 11
20 NOVEMBER 2024	PUBLIC REPORT

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

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: Director of Legal and Governance	Deadline date: N/A
<p>It is recommended that Corporate Parenting Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Determines its priorities and approves the draft work programme for formal and informal meetings for 2024/25 attached at Appendix 1. 	

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).

At its meeting held on 17 July 2024, Committee agreed that the work programme for 2024/25 would be deferred until the outcome of the LGA Peer Review.

- 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?	NO	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 children, young people in care and their representatives. The meeting format is currently under review following the LGA Peer Review and Committee Members will be advised in a separate report.

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. **CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

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

1. *Prevention, Independence & Resilience*
 - *Educations and Skills for All*
 - *Children*

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 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

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