

CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 6
20 NOVEMBER 2024	PUBLIC REPORT

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CORPORATE PARENTING CHAMPIONS REPORT - 2024 - 2025

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 20 May 2024.

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 2023 – 2024 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 Cole
0-25 Physical and Mental Health and Emotional Well Being	Cllr Hemraj
Citizenship, Participation and Leisure activities	Cllr Casey
Foster Carer Retention	Cllr Bi
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

In September 2023, the Children in Care Council and Peterborough Care Leaders were asked what they expect from their Corporate Parenting Champions and the feedback can be found attached.

Key Issues

Following the Annual Council meeting held on 20 May 2024, 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)	Vacant

0-25 Education, Employment and Training (including the Combined Authority and Partners)	Vacant – to be taken up by Cllr Cole if no volunteers
0-25 Physical and Mental Health and Emotional Well Being	Nomination for Cllr Hillier
Citizenship, Participation and Leisure activities	Nomination for Cllr S Bond
Foster Carer Retention	Cllr Bi
Foster Carer Marketing and Recruitment	Nomination for Cllr Seager

The appointment of the Corporate Champions will be confirmed at the formal meeting of Corporate Parenting Committee on 20 November 2024.

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.

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 Statutory requirement.

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