

CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE – TERMS OF REFERENCE

Purpose

- To raise awareness across the Council and all Elected Members of the responsibilities of corporate parenting
- Ensure that all Elected Members have a comprehensive understanding of the position and needs of Looked After Children
- Develop effective engagement with the Children in Care Council
- Identify key tangible and measurable outcomes to improve services for looked after children.
- To ensure that the needs of care leavers are appropriately identified and addressed corporately

Work Programme

The work programme will be focused around the key statements in the Pledge for Children in Care

- Where you live and who you live with
- School/college/ learning
- Support
- Leisure, hobbies, free time
- Education, employment and training
- Family and friends
- Health and well-being

Annual Report

- An annual report will be produced for the first meeting of the municipal year detailing the achievements of looked after children and the activities of the Corporate Parenting Committee

Membership

- Elected Members
- Officers from each Directorate in the Council
- Looked After Children Policy Officer
- Corporate Parenting Lead – Head of Children's Resources
- Other partners and key contributors to be invited as appropriate
- Head of Virtual School

Meetings

- Four times per year
- One meeting to be a stakeholder event to include all Elected Members