

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

Committee/Panel:	Corporate Parenting Board
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Title:	Corporate Parenting Board – Annual Report
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1. Recommendation

1.1. That the Corporate Parenting Board note the annual report as attached at Appendix 1.

2. Summary

2.1. This is a report detailing the progress made by the Corporate Parenting Board (CPB) which was established a year ago. The report details the functions and set up of the CPB and the impact this has had on children in care and care leavers.

2.2. The work of the CPB is a significant factor in influencing change for children in care and care leavers, ensuring that the Council fulfil its duty to act as a corporate parent and provide the best care possible.

2.3. Whilst the CPB has been established for a year, and making good progress, it is still in its infancy, there have been positive relationships built and awareness amongst the children in care and care leaver population of the CPB and its purpose. This will only develop further over the next twelve months resulting in the CPB’s influence over change intensifying. What is significant to note is how the young people who have met with the CPB members have felt listened to and how the members of the CPB are approachable. Equally the CPB members are open-minded and have made themselves available to children in care, care leavers and foster carers.

3. Contextual information

3.1. The report, at Appendix 1, was presented to Children and Families Advisory Panel (CFAP) on 16 October 2018 with the following recommendations agreed:

- The CPB has been established for one year, during this time the CPB members have fully embraced their role as corporate parents for our children in care and care leavers. The CPB is in its formative stages, but emerging into a productive and inclusive Board. The decision to move towards the engagement of those involved in a young person's journey in care has enabled the CPB members to have a real sense of a child's journey. It is recommended that CFAP support the CPB to undertake this work.
- Through meeting with young people, foster carers, social workers, teachers the CPB are engaging with those that experience the care system, enabling the CPB to influence change and act as the corporate parent to improve outcomes for children and young people.
- It is recommended that the CFAP support the ongoing role of the CPB who can ensure that all of the services to children in care and care leavers are of a high standard, and to ensure that they are being well supported in all aspects of their life, including:
 - support and encouragement to achieve in school;
 - support and encouragement to after their mental health and wellbeing;
 - having opportunities for positive social integration; and
 - enabling the most vulnerable children and young people in society to flourish into the successful adults they can become.
- It is recommended that a further progress report is provided to CFAP in twelve months.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Strategic Plan**

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	yes
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	yes

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

DocumentLocation

None

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equality Duty

1.1. The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- a) The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;
- b) Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- c) Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

1.2. **Equalities Impact Assessment:** Not relevant.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder: None

3. Climate Change:

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption? No impact
- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts? No impact