

Children's  
Services

# Participation update

Corporate Parenting Board  
13 March 2024

# Recap

In November you approved plans for participation in 2024. Those recommendations were informed by

- Steer from CPB
- Views of young people – gathered via CIC and CEA Councils and the Launch day
- Research and learning from other LAs

As the CPB is familiar with, our mission is to improve the feedback loop so we can:

*Better hear, take action, and respond to the voices of children and young people*

# Focus for 2024

**Feedback  
fortnight(ish!)**

**My Life My Future  
Month**

**Care Leaver Week**

*Integrating an enhanced survey tool 'SHOUT' to capture key information and develop a baseline to track progress*

*Meet Manager and Director events*

*District and service led events and activities*

*Co-designing solutions based on what we've been told*

*Focus groups to gather more specific feedback*

*Response to feedback: What we've learned, what action we're taking*

*Involvement of CIC and CEA Councils*

*Involvement of Corporate Parenting Board within events and feedback*

# Update on CIC and CEA Councils

Since their launch in 2023 the focus has been on recruitment

- Each group has around 15 young people regularly engaging, with a 'core' of 5 most involved
- The groups have 70 followers on social media

A key priority for us in 2024 is to

- Create stronger links between our operational teams and the Councils, which will support recruitment and engagement with all our children in care and care leavers
- For the Councils to play a key role in the design and delivery of MLMF month
- Introduction of Challenge Cards which will provide a transparent and accountable route to CPB
- The Councils to drive forward the priorities they identified in 2023