

Corporate Parenting Panel

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Corporate Parenting Panel Development Session and Action Plan



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Electoral division(s) affected:

None

Purpose of the Report

- 1 The report captures key areas highlighted from the development discussion in September 2023 and asks the Corporate Parenting Panel to consider what it would like to do in relation to future development sessions.

Executive summary

- 2 The Corporate Parenting Panel had a development session including refresher training on 15 September 2023 which was facilitated by the Deputy Corporate Director of Children and Young People's Services and Head of Children's Social Care. It also included an input from the LGAs Children's Improvement Advisor.

Recommendations

- 3 Members of Corporate Parenting Panel are recommended to:
 - (a) Note and comment on the action plan compiled after the development session in September 2023 (Appendix 2)
 - (b) Consider what the panel would like to do to support any additional training that may be beneficial along with further improvement and development of the panel

Background

- 4 The Corporate Parenting Panel had a development session including refresher training on 15 September 2023 which was facilitated by the Martyn Stenton, Deputy Corporate Director CYPS and Rachel Farnham, Head of Children's Social Care. It also included an input from the LGAs Children's Improvement Advisor, Caroline O' Neill.
- 5 The session covered information about: Children in our care; Corporate Parenting; Corporate Parenting Panel and who's who; Children in Care Council; CYPS Overview and time for discussions and questions from members of the panel.
- 6 Following the session officers have put together a short action plan to cover key areas discussed which were not already part of the panel's planned work programme and a copy of the latest version of this is attached for panel member awareness and comments.
- 7 Members of the panel are also invited to discuss what they would like to do in terms of any future development sessions they would like to see to further improve the effectiveness, awareness and development of the panel.

Conclusion

- 8 Members of the panel will be sighted on the work taking place following discussion at the development session.
- 9 Members will also have an opportunity to consider further support or additional training that may be beneficial along with further improvement and development of the panel.

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Appendix 1: Implications

Legal Implications

The development session and any subsequent activity would support the panel undertake its statutory duties.

Finance

None

Consultation and Engagement

The report is inviting members of the panel to consider what it would like to do in the future to support development of the panel. This may involve consultation and engagement with others depending on the outcome of the discussions.

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty

None directly

Climate Change

None directly

Human Rights

None directly

Crime and Disorder

None directly

Staffing

The work of the panel is supported by existing staffing arrangements

Accommodation

None directly

Risk

Refresher training and development activities help the panel to be up to date and aware of a range of issues and mitigate any risks that they are aware of

Procurement

None directly