



Children in Care Council - Terms of Reference

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Mission Statement

The Children in Care Council (CiCC) exists to provide children and young people (C&YP) in care with the voice they need to be heard.

Purpose:

- Our main purpose is to influence work by the Council and partners, which will enhance the positive outcomes for young people looked after.
- To help implement and monitor Derby City's Pledge by attending Corporate Parenting Forum Meeting and getting feedback from CiC
- To maintain record of Top Ten Issues and refer these to Council Officers and Members to address/resolve.
- To have a say in any future plans which concern all C&YP in care and care leavers.
- To engage with C&YP in care and Care Leavers and encourage participation.
- To ensure that all young people and care leavers are aware of the Children in Care Council and what we do by way of flyers, events and the Derby City Council website.
- Ensure that all meetings and events are fun and engaging for all young people.
- Raise any issues which impact on any C&YP in care.
- Ensure that young people take lead on all relevant projects.

Structure:

- A Chair person to be appointed for a term of 3 months.
- Meetings will be held once a month (usually the 1st Wednesday of the month)
- We will invite guest speakers on a regular basis for updates on Council developments and to address any Top Ten issues.
- Minutes will be recorded and available to all CiCC members, and Derby City Council officers and cabinet members.
- We will represent all looked after children, young people and care leavers equally.
- We will work closely and liaise on a regular basis with officers of Derby City Council and the Corporate Parenting Forum
- To publish and circulate an annual report of the work carried out by CiCC
- Represented at Corporate Parenting Forum meeting as and when necessary.

CSV are commissioned by Derby City Council's Childrens and Young People's Service to provide Allies, Advocates and Mentors and to run the Children in Care Council.