



Corporate Parenting Committee

SUMMARY

- 1.1 Council re-established a standalone Corporate Parenting Committee as part of the changes it made to the scrutiny arrangements in May 2015.
- 1.2 While Corporate Parenting Committee has operated better as a standalone committee rather than as a sub-board of the scrutiny committee responsible for Children and Young People, it is felt the terms of reference detailed in the Scheme of Delegations should be strengthened. This would ensure the work of the committee is better reflected in its definition.
- 1.3 The proposed changes are detailed in the Appendix and put to members to consider for approval.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To approve amendments to the Scheme of Delegations (Part 3 of the Council Constitution) to strengthen the terms of reference for the Corporate Parenting Committee, as detailed in Appendix 2.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The existing wording in the Scheme of Delegations is very brief. It is felt that the experience of the last two years, and the establishment of a strong work programme for the committee, has clarified its role and that it would be helpful and appropriate if the Scheme of Delegations reflected this.
- 3.2 In addition, Ofsted recommended, following the Single Improvement Framework inspection in March 2017 that the Terms of Reference be strengthened to reflect the true role and function of the Corporate Parenting Committee.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 The existing terms of reference amounts to a single sentence, which states:

To consider matters relating to the council's duties in respect of looked after children, including the role of elected members and the authority as a whole as 'Corporate Parents'

- 4.2 The proposed terms of reference are detailed in Appendix 2. Nothing is proposed to be added which is not reflective of work which is undertaken as part of the existing work programme.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 To make no changes. The existing description is not inaccurate, so this is an option, but nor does it specify the exact duties to the extent that is now proposed.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

1.1 None.

Legal

2.1 None.

Personnel

3.1 None.

IT

4.1 None.

Equalities Impact

5.1 None.

Health and Safety

6.1 None.

Environmental Sustainability

7.1 None.

Property and Asset Management

8.1 None.

Risk Management and Safeguarding

9.1 It is likely that a better, and more specific, representation of the work of the Corporate Parenting Committee would assist the council in demonstrating its work in this area.

Proposed terms of reference for Corporate Parenting Committee to be inserted into Scheme of Delegations

To consider matters relating to the council's duties in respect of looked after children, including the role of elected members and the authority as a whole as 'Corporate Parents', including:

- 1) Receiving updates and making recommendations that may arise in relation to:
 - Children In Care Council
 - Children Rights Service
 - Children Missing From Care
 - Care Leavers Forum and Leaving Care Audit
 - Youth Offending Service report regarding Children in Care
 - Integrated LAC Emotional Health and Wellbeing Service
 - Education, Employment and Training for care leavers
 - Exit from Care Overview Report
 - Regional Framework and External Care Providers
 - Independent Visitors and Advocacy
- 2) Receive and make recommendations that may arise in relation to:
 - Annual Performance Report (and benchmarking report)
 - Annual Fostering Report
 - Annual Adoption Report
 - Annual Health Report
 - Independent Reviewing Service Annual Report
 - Annual report of the Virtual School Head
- 3) Receiving reports and making recommendations on Children's Homes, including:
 - Inspection Reports
 - Regulation 33 Reports
 - Member Visits
- 4) Considering matters relating to Ofsted, including visits and outcome reports.