**Corporate Parenting Board – Groupwork**

**Item 5 – What would the Board want from District Councils on Housing and Suitable Accommodation?**

**What we as a Board want to know**

* What types of accommodation are available and affordable for care leavers eg flat/social housing/private landlord/supported accommodation?
* Housing priority for leaving care young people?
* What support do you provide/is available?
* Is there a forum that all the district councils feed into?
* What is the quality of the provision and how regularly do you inspect them?
* Do you do a routine inspection?
* What help do you need to improve your services? How can we help?
* What knowledge do your staff have of the needs of young people receiving care?
* What are your housing standards and how do you monitor/maintain this?
* How do care leavers access social housing and how easy is this?
* Are district council willing to take on Council Tax for Care Leavers if Lancashire County Council cease to pay this?
* What support is offered? – this should be on the webite.
* Could Housing Association websites have a care leavers section?
* How can Care Leavers have more choice and say no if they think the accommodation is unsuitable?
* Local connection criteria
* Leaving custody
* Hold a meeting with all the housing reps round a table

**What we as a Board want provided for our Care Leavers**

* Every district council to have something on their website about their offer to young people leaving care.
* Every district council to have a care leaver champion to voice care leavers problems.
* Preparation for life skills.
* Local Authority to be a guarantor.
* Co-location of housing staff and personal advisors.
* Training flats
* Handy-person guide
* Foster carer mentors – visits
* Staged exit from care
* Corporate Parenting Board champions
* Need an accommodation framework for Care Leavers