

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 2 November 2023

Report of the Director of Law and Governance

Part I

Electoral Division affected:
None;

Corporate Priorities:
N/A;

Corporate Parenting Board - Revised Terms of Reference

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Brief Summary

The Corporate Parenting Board is a working group of the Cabinet. Following the Cabinet meeting held on 6 July 2023, it was agreed that the county council sign up to the Care Leaver Covenant's 'whole Council approach' and adopt the five-part strategy. The responsibility of overseeing the council's adoption and implementation is that of the Corporate Parenting Board and therefore the Terms of Reference have been amended to reflect this and are now presented to Cabinet to consider.

Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to approve the Corporate Parenting Board's revised Terms of Reference, as set out at Appendix 'A'.

Detail

The Corporate Parenting Board is a working group of the Cabinet. Its role is to provide advice, support and leadership on matters relating to children looked after to the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools, the Cabinet generally and to all councillors in their role as corporate parents.



The Board brings together county councillors, key partners, and crucially young people who are in, or have experienced care to discuss issues, concerns and initiatives and propose actions.

A report was presented to Cabinet on 6 July 2023 where it considered a proposal that the county council signed up to and adopted the Care Leaver Covenant's 'whole Council approach', in order to improve the services provided to and opportunities for care leavers (ie Local Offer) with the county council's partners in Lancashire. It was noted that the Care Leaver Covenant was a national inclusion programme that supported care leavers aged 16 to 25 to live independently. The scheme was funded by the Department for Education and encouraged local authorities and partners to sign up and make pledges to support care leavers. The county council agreed to sign up to the Care Leaver Covenant's 'whole Council approach' and to adopt the five-part strategy, and that the responsibility for overseeing this would be the Corporate Parenting Board and requested that this be added to their Terms of Reference.

At the Corporate Parenting Board meeting held on 19 September 2023, it agreed to the additional responsibility for overseeing the county council's adoption and implementation of the Care Leavers Covenant 'whole Council approach' and has been included in the revised Terms of Reference under section (I) of the aims and objectives of the Corporate Parenting Board. The Board agreed to the revised Terms of Reference as set out at Appendix 'A', for consideration by Cabinet on 2 November 2023.

Appendices

Appendix 'A' is attached to this report. For clarification it is summarised below and referenced at relevant points within this report.

Appendix	Title
Appendix 'A'	Constitution, Terms of Reference and Membership of the Corporate Parenting Board – September 2023

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

N/A



List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
None		
N/A		

