

## **Corporate Parenting Board Recommendations for Activity Days**

Whilst the CPB recognises the need to ensure our children and young people looked after are given the best opportunities to find suitable families, we feel there is a need to ensure any approach that is adopted is monitored and evaluated on an on-going basis and also has member and young persons' involvement. This is even more paramount whenever activities, such as this, have been highlighted as contentious, receiving some criticism.

Following discussion amongst the Board members and research concerning what is happening in other Authorities, the following recommendations have been compiled by the CPB to aid LCC professionals involved in the organisation and planning of activity days:

- i) We would like the CPB be informed in advance of any future activity days.
- ii) We would also expect LINX to be informed in advance of future activity days
- iii) It would be helpful for a restricted number of Councillors and LINX members to be able to attend any future activity days on a planned basis in order to aid their evaluation.
- iv) We would expect the aims and format of the day to be clearly outlined to allow the CPB to have an informed discussion about the events prior to their taking place.
- v) The CPB members would expect be given an opportunity to challenge part of the activity day on a planned basis, if required.
- vi) The CPB would like feedback/update following an Activity Day including numbers of successful matches and other appropriate outcomes. This could be undertaken by an officer during a subsequent CPB meeting.

We all want the very best for our children and young people including helping them secure a safe and happy family. Working together will strengthen us all in this aim.