

Lancashire County Council

Corporate Parenting Board

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 18th June, 2015 at 6.00 pm in
Cabinet Room 'C' - The Duke of Lancaster Room, County Hall, Preston**

Present: Members

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| County Councillor Sue Pryn (Chair) | - Lancashire County Council |
| County Councillor Margaret Brindle | - Lancashire County Council |
| County Councillor Ian Brown | - Lancashire County Council |
| County Councillor Chris Henig | - Lancashire County Council |
| County Councillor Dorothy Lord | - Lancashire County Council |
| County Councillor Julie Gibson | - Lancashire County Council |
| County Councillor Cynthia Dereli | - Lancashire County Council |
| Catherine Lynsey Evans | - representing Adoption - Fostering Forum |
| Mark Twiname | - Fostering Forum |
| Tony Morrissey | - Deputy Director, Children's Services |
| Sam W | - LINX Representative |
| Gavin Bradley | - LINX Representative |
| Kristal | - LINX Representative |
| Paige | - LINX Representative |

Co-opted members

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| Nicola Bamford | - Designated Doctor and Consultant Paediatrician, representing CCG |
| Diane Booth | - Children's Social Care |
| Kate Baggaley | - Barnardos |
| Audrey Swann | - Headteacher, Vulnerable and Looked After Children |
| Amanda Mansfield | - Independent Reviewing Officers |
| Naomi Burgess | - Barnardos |
| Rebecca Wilkinson | - Barnardos |

Other Attendees

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| County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson | - Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools (left at 6.30pm) |
| Caroline Beswick | - Lancashire Children's Rights Service |
| Annette McNeil | - Integrated Health Service |
| Lisa Dorrington | - Blackpool Trust Hospitals |
| Sam Gorton (Clerk) | - Legal and Democratic Services |

1. Introductions and Apologies

All were welcomed to the meeting, especially County Councillors Dereli and Gibson who were substituting for County Councillors Snape and Beavers. Apologies were noted from Debbie Ross and Debbie Duffell.

2. Appointment of Chair

The Board noted that County Councillor Sue Pryn had been appointed as the Chair of the Board for the 2015/2016 Municipal year.

3. Appointment of Deputy Chair

The Board noted that County Councillor Margaret Brindle had been appointed as Deputy Chair of the Board for the 2015/2016 Municipal year. It was also noted that County Councillor Brindle was also the Chairman of Lancashire County Council 2015/2016.

4. Terms of Reference, Membership and Constitution

The Board undertook an activity on the current Terms of Reference around whether they felt that it was achieving what it states and whether there were any other points that needed to be added. The activity and the results are attached.

5. Notes of the Meeting and Matters Arising from 23 April 2015

The notes of the previous meeting were agreed as a correct record. There were no matters arising.

6. What our Elected Members have been doing

The County Councillors present highlighted a number of areas of their recent work since the Board last met.

County Councillor (CC) Pryn stated that housing for care leavers has been a focus and is looking to set up/form a partnership with the District Councils. The Preston City Council has already done some work and the Local Authority is working with a project called "New Belongings" to look at Lancashire services to care leavers.

Action: The CPB to have care leavers as a thematic area for a future meeting and New Belongings along with others to be invited to a future meeting.

CC Prynne had recently been contacted by a young person and an issue had arisen from a care leaver who was due to move into supported accommodation. CC Prynne along with the care worker visited the property to ensure it was fit for purpose and reiterated that as a Corporate Parent we have to be certain that the young person is ready to move into supported accommodation and they are confident and everything is in place for them to do this before they move in. Communication is key with that young person. CC Prynne is happy for officers to contact her direct, should issues arise.

An Out of Borough visit in Blackpool had been carried out by CC Prynne to one of the Hexagon Care Service Units. It was reported that the staff were fantastic and the home was spacious with chillout rooms. The visit was positive and CC Prynne was assured by the good care being provided.

Action: CC Prynne will write the reports for these visits and circulate to the relevant people.

CC Prynne outlined that she had met with Jane Booth the Lancashire Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) Chair as agreed as there was a previous proposal to hold a joint conference. Following discussion it was felt it would be more innovative to hold two Challenge Panels in late September where the Panel will consist of young people, CC Prynne, Jane Booth (Chair of LSCB) and relevant officers. The aim is to find out how safe our young people feel being in care (safeguarding).

CC Prynne attended the Barnardos Contract Monitoring meeting and feedback had been given on the Young Inspectors programme and how well this was working. Credit was given to Kate Baggaley, Barnardos and the young people on the success of the programme.

CC Brindle gave an update on various events she had attended in her new role as Chairman of the County Council. One event was the launch of the Fostering Fortnight, and is eagerly awaiting feedback following this. Another was a visit to Burnley College, to the Creative Arts and Media Department where CC Brindle asked about care leavers and how they were supported and she has agreed to keep in touch with them regarding this.

Recently the Chairman's Challenge was attended by 17 schools, and St Augustine's RC High School gave an impressive presentation on child sexual exploitation and how they are promoting awareness throughout other schools. This is something that this group could take forward. A link to the film can be found [here](#).

CC Brown reported on his recent Regulation 22 visit to Crestmoor which was very positive.

CC Lord reported on her visit to Buckingham Palace as a representative from LCC and visited the Houses of Parliament and Commons. She said it was a wonderful opportunity to talk to young people about politics.

CC Henig stated she had recently visited Archives which was 75 years old in April and been to London also looking at Arts and Culture. CC Henig had also been involved in the Young People's Book of the Year competition.

7. LINX (Lancashire's Children in Care Council)

LINX updated the Board on their recent activities that they had been involved in since the last meeting was held in April. A number of presentations were shown and these are attached to these notes.

The Board asked for further information on the Barnardos Big Conversation which had been held at Woodlands. 26 young people from Lancashire were involved and every activity was related to Barnardos and what went well and what Barnardos could do better. The Director of Barnardos was in attendance and was very impressed with the young people.

ITV Fixers are working with LINX on another campaign, in the form of an animated film to raise awareness for children in years 6/7 around children looked after and changing their negative attitude towards them. Hopefully this will be available for the September meeting.

The young people have devised a flyer around the Young Inspectors Programme and this was felt to be an excellent piece of work, in informing other young people on why they are carrying out the visits and what they want to achieve from doing the visits and the benefits.

A number of comments were raised as indicated on the Performance report attached.

Action: Officers to note the comments and feedback as necessary to LINX.

Audrey Swann reported that they are looking at having a Governing Body for the Virtual School and would like young people to be a part of that. She would also like them to be involved in the Designated Teacher Training also.

A KS4 conference is to be held on 22 October and CLA representatives from across Lancashire are invited to attend. The conference will be looking at raising the attainment levels for CLA.

Audrey also commented on the Pupil Premium and that schools are starting use the extra pupil premium funding that is also available and that Pupil Premium is emphasised when training designated teachers in how and what it should be used for.

8. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting

This is the young person led meeting on Thursday, 30 July 2015 at 1.30pm, in the Henry Bollinbroke Room (formerly Cabinet Room 'D'), County Hall, Preston, PR1 8RJ.