

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 14 June 2018

Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Part I

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Corporate Parenting Board - Revised Terms of Reference

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

The Corporate Parenting Board is a working group of the Cabinet. A review has been undertaken of its Terms of Reference, and proposals are now presented to the Cabinet to consider.

Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to:

- (i) Approve the Corporate Parenting Board's revised Terms of Reference, as set out at Appendix A.
- (ii) Note that the revised Corporate Parenting Strategy and Pledge will be presented to Cabinet for approval in September 2018.

Background and Advice

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. The Board is well regarded by those involved and has also been held up as a model for other authorities.

In order to help ensure that the Board maintains its focus and continues its positive work, a review has been undertaken of its terms of reference. These were

discussed and considered by the Corporate Parenting Board on the 22 May 2018, and the proposed terms of reference, as set out at Appendix 'A', are a result of those considerations.

The amendments are as follows:

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- (i) A sentence was added under Purpose which defines the role of the Corporate Parenting Board.
- (ii) Point 2 was also added to give further clarity.
- (iii) The sentence after point 2 was included on how the Board would meet the purpose.

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- (i) Reference to elected members requiring criminal records bureau check was removed as this is no longer required as advised by Lancashire County Council's Disclosure and Barring Service.
- (ii) Deputy was removed from the Director of Children's Services as it is the Director who attends the Board.
- (iii) Children's Trust arrangements was removed.
- (iv) Children and Family Wellbeing Service has been updated from Wellbeing, Early Help and Prevention.
- (v) Added Department for Work and Pensions and Lancashire County Council Corporate Management Team to the co-opted membership.

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- (i) Amended the title of the Headteacher for Children Looked After, School Improvement from Virtual School for Looked After Children.
- (ii) Added Barnardo's as they are commissioned by Lancashire County Council.

The draft Corporate Parenting Strategy and Pledge is in development and officers led on discussions with children, young people and partners at the Corporate Parenting Board meeting on the 22 May 2018 setting out its commitment to children in our care in Lancashire. The revised strategy and pledge will be presented to Cabinet in September 2018.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

N/A

List of Background Papers

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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A