

Lancashire County Council

Corporate Parenting Board

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 16th June, 2021 at 6.00 pm in Zoom Virtual Meeting

Present: Members

County Councillor Stephen Clarke	- Lancashire County Council
County Councillor Ash Sutcliffe	- Lancashire County Council
County Councillor Joan Burrows	- Lancashire County Council
County Councillor Andrea Kay	- Lancashire County Council
County Councillor Scott Smith	- Lancashire County Council
County Councillor Julie Gibson	- Lancashire County Council
Liz Donnelly Nelson	- Adoption
Graham Lindley	- Fostering Forum
Georgia	- LINX Representative

Co-opted members

Julie Dawkins	- Fostering Providers
Kirsty Byrne	- East Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
Audrey Swann	- Vulnerable and Looked After Children, LCC
Andreas Feldhaar	- Permanence Service, LCC
Moya McKinney	- Permanence Service - Leaving Care, LCC
Gina Power	- Permanence Service - Children in Our Care, LCC
Paul McIntyre	- Safeguarding, Inspection and Audit, LCC
Stephen Young	- Corporate Management Team, LCC
Nighat Parveen	- Child and Family Wellbeing Service, LCC
Neil Drummond	- Lancashire Constabulary PPU
Brian Wood	- LINX Participation - Child and Family Wellbeing Service, LCC
Maureen Huddleston	- Enhanced CLA Health Teams, UHMB
Suliman Hussain	- Child and Family Wellbeing Service, LCC
Hans Mundry	- Child and Family Wellbeing Service, LCC

Other Attendees

Sharon Hubber	- Children's Social Care, LCC
Brendan Lee	- Children's Social Care, LCC
Sam Gorton	- Democratic Services, LCC

1. Appointment of Chair

Edwina Grant OBE, Executive Director of Education and Children's Services welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a brief summary of the Board's remit. All new members were welcomed to the meeting, particularly the new Chair and Deputy Chair of the Board.

Edwina also informed that Board that Sharon Hubber had secured a new position as Director of Children Services in Rochdale and asked the Board to join her in congratulating Sharon on her new role and thanked her for the work she had done for the Corporate Parenting Board and Lancashire throughout her time in post.

It was noted that County Councillor Stephen Clarke had been appointed at Full Council to the role of chair of the Corporate Parenting Board for the municipal year 2021/2022.

2. Appointment of Deputy Chair

It was noted that County Councillor Ash Sutcliffe had been appointed at Full Council to the role of deputy chair of the Corporate Parenting Board for the municipal year 2021/2022.

3. Introductions and Apologies

All were welcomed to the meeting and apologies were received from County Councillor Jeff Couperthwaite, Dr Nicola Bamford, Barbara Bath, Lynsey Evans, Kirsty Clarke and Jo Swords.

The Board noted the following membership changes:

New members:

County Councillor Ash Sutcliffe
County Councillor Joan Burrows
County Councillor Jeff Couperthwaite
County Councillor Andrea Kay
County Councillor Scott Smith
Graham Lindley, Fostering Forum Representative
Lynsey Evans, Fostering Forum Representative

Co-opted Non-Voting representatives:

Andreas Feldhaar, Permanence Service, LCC
Moya McKinney, Permanence Service – Leaving Care, LCC
Gina Power, Permanence Service – Children in Our Care, LCC
Paul McIntyre, Safeguarding, Inspection and Audit, LCC
Neil Drummond, Lancashire Constabulary
Katy Driver, Department for Work and Pensions
Brian Wood, Child and Family Wellbeing Service (Participation)
Hans Mundry, Child and Family Wellbeing Service (Participation)
Suliman Hussain, Child and Family Wellbeing Service (Participation)

Observer:

Jo Swords, National Youth Advocacy Service

The Board also welcomed to this meeting Edwina Grant OBE, Executive Director of Education and Children's Services and County Councillor Cosima Towneley, Cabinet Member for Children and Families.

4. Notes of the Meeting and Matters Arising from 16 March 2021

Resolved: That the minutes were agreed as an accurate record with the addition of Maureen Huddleston, Enhanced CLA Health Teams University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay to the attendees and there were no matters arising from them.

5. Membership and Terms of Reference

Sam Gorton, Democratic Services, Lancashire County Council presented the membership and terms of reference of the Board.

Following the presentation, it was agreed that the following amendments should be made:

- Early Help Service, to be changed to Children and Family Wellbeing Service in the Co-opted Membership section.
- There needed to be a stronger reference to children leaving care and transitioning out of care.
- A review date needed to be added for the terms of reference.

Resolved: that the comments above be addressed and the revised Terms of Reference be brought back to the Board at its next meeting on 22 July 2021.

6. Review and Update of the CPB Strategy 2018-2022 and Corporate Parents Promise 2019

Andreas Feldhaar, Permanence Service, Lancashire County Council outlined to the Board, that following the new Permanence Service that has been established at the beginning of the year, it was timely with the new members of the Board, to revisit the Corporate Parenting Strategy 2018-2022 and the Corporate Parenting Promise 2019 to:

- Ensure it reflects our vision today.
- Agree priorities and actions for the next six months.
- Improve partnership working and to work collaboratively with the principle of permanence at the core.
- Ensure every child and young person looked after and leaving care is provided with a sense of security, continuity, support and stability.
- To review the appropriateness and effectiveness of our priorities and corporate parenting strategy for the future.

The workshop focused on the objectives of the Corporate Parenting Strategy and identified what actions the Board intended to progress to achieve outcomes for each of the objectives. The nine objectives in the strategy are as follows:

- Children and young people have a voice in the way we deliver our services.
- Children and young people can remain safely at home.
- Care leavers in Lancashire will have a 'Local Offer'.
- Children and young people will be supported in their education employment and training.
- Children and young people will have a suitable place to live and be cared for.
- The health and wellbeing of our children and young people in care and care leavers will be a priority for Lancashire County Council.
- Children and young people will receive appropriate financial support.
- Children are protected from harm and risk of exploitation.
- Children and young people in our care and care leaver achievements are celebrated.

Following the workshop, the facilitators reported back from each of the three groups. Feedback from the break-out sessions, can be found attached to the minutes and this will now form the next part of the Board's work plan going forward and four key priorities for discussion at the next meeting and actions, monitoring and outcomes for those priorities and report back to the Board on their progress at future meetings.

Resolved: That feedback from the workshops will be analysed and four key priorities will be identified to take forward as a Board for the next meeting on 22 July 2021.

7. Any Other Business

There was no other business received.

8. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday, 22 July 2021 at 1.30pm, via Zoom.