**Appendix 'E'**

**Children Looked After/Leaving Care 2016-17 Supported Accommodation/Learning Offer Programme Board**

**Terms of reference**

**Purpose**

The Director of Children's Services has responsibility for the delivery of this programme and for reporting to the county council's Management Team on its progress. The Board will determine when additional reporting to other internal groups such as the Corporate Parenting Board is required and will be responsible for providing these as appropriate.

This programme contributes to the county council's vision to transform into an organisation with ambition, which will set out to do things to the very best standard within the financial and other resources available and which will focus on outcomes that allow us to measure the difference we make to the communities we serve. Our aim is to be the best council in the country because we believe in getting the best for the people of Lancashire.

The Programme Vision is to improve the experience for all young people looked after, leaving care and those who are looked after through needing support at 16/17 due to housing need. The Programme seeks to ensure that the services we provide have a real impact on their lives and their families, are effective and provide value for money.

The Programme Board will be accountable for delivery of the programme and will be concerned with HOW the programme outcomes will be achieved; it will act as the key decision making body providing leadership and strategic direction to the agreed projects operating within the programme.

The Board will oversee progress across all its component projects directing individual project boards, prioritising project outputs, identifying and allocating resources, and removing barriers to ensure they are successful in delivering the significant organisational changes required.

The main focus for 2015/2016 will be:

* To communicate the Programme Vision and secure stakeholder engagement to the challenges and the transformational change ahead.
* To ensure the county council's service offers for financial savings across services are delivered by the projects within the programme as appropriate.
* To identify and actively manage the timescales, risk and issues which will emerge during the delivery of this large scale transformation programme.
* To oversee the careful design and construction of the dossier of projects required to deliver each step change identified within the programme, ensuring that these are correctly sequenced and that the mechanisms for delivery are in place.
* To support the development of partnerships with local Housing Providers in order to secure an appropriate type and level of accommodation and support for young people as they make the transition to independence.
* To review the impact of the Children's Pathways Review Project and develop plans which deliver the changes identified as part of this Programme of Activity/Dossier of projects as appropriate

**Membership**

Chair and Senior Responsible Owner: Tony Morrissey, Assistant Director for Children's Services

Programme Executives:

Diane Booth, Children's Social Care

Penny Hindle, Children's Social Care

Audrey Swann CLA\_Vulnerable Children and AP/VSH

Debbie Duffell, Head of Services, Wellbeing, Prevention and Early Help

Pam Goulding, Skills Learning and Development/Employment Learning and Skills

Amanda Melton, Lancashire Adult Learning

Annette McNeil / Nicola Bashall, Commissioning

Mark Lennighan, Business Intelligence

Jo Ainsworth, Finance Subject Matter Expert

Liz Mossop/Bev Lyon, Housing Subject Matter Expert

Senior User: Diane Booth, Head of Children's Social Care Service

Senior Supplier: TBC

Business Change Manager: Penny Hindle

Programme Manager: Grant Murdoch, Programme Office Subject Matter Expert (Children)

**Meeting Frequency -** Every other month