

CORPORATE PARENTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

9 JANUARY 2023

MEMBER VISITS PROGRAMME

Reasons for the Report

1. This report sets out a proposal of a programme of activity that will help members of the Committee to find out about the services and organisations that support care experienced young people in Cardiff.
2. The proposed members visits outlined in Appendix A has been developed to show the Children Services teams and other services within and outside of the local authority that support care experienced young people.

Background

3. To ensure members of the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee gain an wider understanding of the services and organisations the proposed Members visits focuses on those services that help young people in Education and Employment, create a safe and stable home and support with mental health and well-being – in line with the priorities in the Corporate Parenting Strategy.

Issues

4. The members visits will provide an opportunity for members of the Committee to meet the staff and teams that support young people. Some of the visits will also provide an opportunity to hear directly from the children and young people. It is proposed that the members who undertake the visits will then provide an update to the rest of the Committee.

5. To ensure that an open discussion can take place it is proposed that two members of the Committee attend per member visit. The visits will be organised and facilitated by the Corporate Parenting Officer.
6. Appendix A sets out a proposed date, time and venue for the members visit with a short description of the services. These proposed times have been agreed by the organisation and service area but can be amended to work around the commitments of members of the Committee.
7. When developing the programme, several visits have purposely been left blank for members of the Committee to identify other services and organisations they would like to find out more about. The work programme will then be amended to reflect this change.

Financial Implications

8. Any costs associated with the visits should be managed within existing budgetary allocations for Member expenses.

Legal Implications

9. There are no legal implications arising from this report

RECOMMENDATION

10. The Committee are recommended to agree the Members Visit programme outlined in Appendix A
11. The Committee are recommended to identify any other visits they would like to undertake to be included in the Member Visit programme

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Appendix A – Draft Member Visits programme