

CORPORATE PARENTING
ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

11 MARCH 2024

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR, CHILDRENS SERVICES

**FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME – MAY 2024 – APRIL 2025 AND THE WELSH
GOVERNMENT CORPORATE PARENTING CHARTER**

Reasons for the Report

1. This report seeks discussion in relation to the Welsh Government's Corporate Parenting Charter, provided at **Appendix 1**.
2. The Committee are asked to discuss how the Charter will be incorporated into the Forward Work Programme at **Appendix 2** and how future Committee meetings forthcoming municipal year will showcase the implementation.
3. The Committee are also asked to discuss Cardiff Council's signature of the Charter and the steps necessary to facilitate this.

Background

4. The Forward Work Programme (FWP) for the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee sets out the committee business that will be considered during the period identified in the programme.

5. Previously, the Committee identified that the agenda for its meetings should be driven by Children Looked After in Cardiff and that a greater emphasis should be placed on the participation of young people in the work of the Committee.

Issues

6. The themes of the Forward Work Programme reflect the Corporate Parenting Priorities:
 1. Improving emotional well-being and physical health
 2. Having a safe and stable home in and after care
 3. Education, employment, and training
 4. Better connections, improved relationships
 5. Celebrating Success
7. Each meeting of the Committee will focus on one of these themes with relevant reports and updates being provided by the service areas and partners. The incorporation of the WG Corporate Parenting Charter needs to be a combined Authority approach in collaboration with our Corporate Partners
8. Other items will be added to the Committee Forward Work Programme to ensure that it meets the requirements under its terms of reference.

Member Development

9. The Forward Work Programme identifies a range of topics which committee members may be unfamiliar with. Committee members are requested to identify any learning opportunities which will support them in their role and would be beneficial to be added to the Member Development Programme.

Financial Implications

10. The report and accompanying appendix provide an overview of the planned work programme for the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee. As the committee fulfils an advisory role, there are no financial implications directly arising from this report. Any activities referenced within the report or programme are to be funded from within existing available resources.

Legal Implications

11. There are no legal implications arising from the report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

12. To consider the Corporate Parenting Charter (**Appendix 1**) and develop the Forward Work Plan (**Appendix 2**)

13. To identify ways other Corporate Parents can expand and develop the Corporate Parenting Operational Plan.

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Appendix 1 – Corporate Parenting Charter

Appendix 2 – Forward Work Programme