

Agenda Item 4

Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee Terms of Reference (as approved by Annual Council on 27 May 2021)

1. The Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee is responsible for advising the Council and for advocating on the collective behalf of all care leavers and children looked after by Cardiff Council, to ensure that they receive the best possible care and support.
2. To achieve the best outcomes for children looked after and care leavers the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee will:

Actively Promote:

- a) and operate collective responsibility between the Council, Social Services, Health, Education and other statutory agencies to achieve good parenting for all children in the care of Cardiff Council and to ensure that they are appropriately safeguarded to achieve the best possible chances in life.
- b) real and sustained improvements by ensuring that mechanisms in place take full account of:
 - the importance of promoting and respecting the child or young person's dignity.
 - the characteristics, culture and beliefs of the child or young person.
 - the importance of promoting the upbringing of the child by the child's family, in so far as doing so is consistent with promoting the child's well-being.
 - Where the child is under the age of 16, the views, wishes and feelings of those with parental responsibility for the child, in so far as doing so is consistent with well-being
 - of the child and is reasonably practicable.

Identify key priorities by:

- c) engaging with relevant children looked after forums, as determined by the young people, to drive the committee's priorities.
- d) ensuring that the committee agenda focuses on what children looked after identify as relevant for their growth and development.

Co-ordinate and collaborate to:

- e) seek to ensure that coordinated services are delivered across all statutory and voluntary sector organisations.

- f) engage and develop a shared dialogue with the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee to avoid agenda duplication, whilst working together to exploit detailed analysis of key performance data.
- g) engage with, and embrace future Welsh Government plans and expectations to extend corporate parenting responsibilities across Public Services.

Monitor Outcomes and Performance to:

- h) ensure that performance monitoring systems are in place, and to regularly review performance data to ensure that good outcomes for children looked after and care leavers are being delivered consistently.
 - i) review the quality and effectiveness:
 - Children Looked After Services
 - Education Services
 - Health Services
3. To provide an Annual Report to the Council's Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee, Cabinet, and full Council.
 4. To ensure the corporate parenting strategy is implemented effectively, reviewed and revised as necessary, to meet the needs of children looked after and care leavers.
 5. To recommend the appointment of co-opted members to the Committee for approval by Council.
 6. To make recommendations to Cabinet and Council in respect of any matters within the remit of the Committee.
 7. Each member of the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee will undertake relevant training, to enable them to properly discharge their duties.