

CORPORATE PARENTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

9 January 2023

FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

Reasons for the Report

1. This report seeks approval of the committee's Forward Work Programme (FWP) as provided at Appendix A.

Background

2. The FWP for the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee sets out the committee business that will be considered during the period identified in the programme. The proposed programme has been developed to enable the committee to monitor the progress being made to support the children looked after by the authority.
3. Previously, the Committee identified that the agenda for its meetings should be driven by looked after children in Cardiff and that a greater emphasis should be placed on the participation of young people in the work of the Committee.

Issues

4. Following a recent engagement session with children and young people looked after, several themes have been identified these will be mirrored in the FWP to effectively plan the work of the committee for the forthcoming municipal year. This will ensure that the agenda and issues considered at the committee will reflect the needs of our young people.

The themes to be reflected in the Committees FWP are as follows:

1. Improving emotional well-being and physical health
 2. Having a safe and stable home in and after care
 3. Education, employment, and training
5. 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.
6. Other items will be added to the Committee Forward Work Programme to ensure that is required under the terms of reference

Committee Engagement with Young People

7. Several workshops, meetings and events will be planned with Elected Members which will enable young people to discuss and raise any issues in a more informal setting. The option of attending committee meetings to young people will continue to be made available and with officer support. Continuous engagement of children and young people will help to form the future work of the Committee.
8. Participation Partnership working will be a priority for the upcoming year for the service area. Regular updates will be provided to the Committee on the key progress in this area which will include work undertaken on the development of a Participation Strategy

Performance Monitoring

7. The programme includes an opportunity at each committee meeting to consider timely and relevant performance information. This will inform the committee of progress being made in respect of the Corporate Parenting Strategy and the delivery of the services to our children looked after and young people.

The Member Development

8. The FWP identifies a range of topics which committee members may be unfamiliar with. Committee members are requested to identify any learning

opportunities which support them in their role and would be beneficial to be added to the Member Development Programme.

Financial Implications

9. 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

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

11. The Committee is recommended to
 - a. consider the FWP including the identification of member development topics for inclusion in the Member Development Programme.
 - b. approve the committee's Forward Work Programme (FWP) as at Appendix A

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List of Appendices:

Appendix A – Draft Forward Work Programme