

**CORPORATE PARENTING  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**22 January 2023**

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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR, CHILDRENS SERVICES**

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**MEMBER VISIT UPDATE**

**Reasons for the report**

1. This report sets out an update regarding the Member Visits that have taken place since the last committee meeting.
2. The visits take place at services and organisations that support care experienced young people in Cardiff.

**Background**

3. To ensure members of the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee gain a wider understanding of the services and organisations the proposed Members visits focuses on those services in line with the following 5 priorities of the Corporate Parenting Plan:
  - Priority 1: Improving emotional well-being and physical health
  - Priority 2: Better connections, improved relationships
  - Priority 3: A comfortable safe stable home whilst in care and after
  - Priority 4: Educational achievement, employment and training
  - Priority 5: Celebrating our children and young people

**Issues**

4. Since the last meeting has taken place, there have been member visits undertaken by Cllr Dan Naughton, Cllr Sarah Merry and Cllr Ash Lister.
5. Visits comprised:
  - St Teilos Comprehensive School-

Cllr Dan Naughton attended the school and met with Headteacher Mr Ian Loynd as well as having the opportunity to speak to pupils and youth service mentors working

within the school. Mr Loynd gave an indepth overview of the ethos of the school and their adoption of trauma informed processes for all of their pupils.

- Bright Sparks Awards 2023

Cllr Sarah Merry and Cllr Ash Lister attended the Bright Sparks Awards, which is now in its 18<sup>th</sup> year. The event took place in the committee rooms at county hall and saw over 200 people come together to celebrate the wonderful achievements of our looked after children. There were 14 different award categories, including career of the year, performing arts, sport and music. Cllr Merry presented the Bright Sparks Group with the volunteer of the year award.

6. **Appendix A** provides a comprehensive report of the member visits; members are invited to review the member visit programme and take up opportunities to attend future visits.

### **Financial Implications**

7. In the event of there being costs arising as a result of the visit programme then this will need to be managed within the existing budgetary allocations for Member expenses thus effective communication needs to take place with Member Services.

### **Legal Implications**

8. There are no legal implications arising from this report

### **RECOMMENDATION**

9. To note the information shared within the update as outlined at **Appendix A** and to discuss way within which the committee can support and further the needs of the services.

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**Director, Childrens Services**  
**14 December 2023**

Appendix A– Member Visit Update