

**CORPORATE PARENTING
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

11 March 2024

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR, CHILDRENS SERVICES

MEMBER VISIT PROGRAMME

Reasons for the report

1. This report sets out a programme of activity that will help 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 1** have 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 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. 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 some of the visits to smaller establishments are limited to two members of the Committee per

member visit. The visits will be organised and facilitated by the Corporate Parenting Officer.

6. **Appendix 1** sets out proposed dates, times and venues for the members visits 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. Additional visits can be set up on request if there are other services or provisions members would like to find out more about. The work programme will then be amended to reflect this change.

Financial Implications

8. 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

9. There are no legal implications arising from this report

RECOMMENDATION

10. To note the programme of visits as outlined **Appendix 1** and indicate any expressions of interest in attending any of the visits contained within the programme.
11. To identify any other appropriate and relevant services or organisations to be included within the member visit programme that would benefit the committee in carrying out their role.

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Appendix 1– Member Visit Programme