

**Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting**

Corporate Parenting Panel – 13 May 2022

**Report Title**

Corporate Parenting Terms of Reference

**Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?**

No

**Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report**

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**Ward(s) Affected**

Borough-Wide

**Report Summary**

The attached report is the refreshed Terms of Reference for Corporate Parenting Panel. The terms of reference have been reviewed by all members of Corporate Parenting Panel to reflect an ambition to champion and ensure delivery of the corporate promises made to our looked after children and leaving care young people.

**Recommendation**

The Corporate Parenting panel is asked to receive this report and to adopt the terms of reference for the new municipal year.

**List of Appendices Included**

Appendix 1 Terms of Reference Corporate Parenting Panel May 2022

**Background Papers**

None

**Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel**

**Council Approval Required**

No

**Exempt from the Press and Public**

No

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## **1. Background**

In November 2021 a task and finish group was established to review the role of Corporate Parenting Panel with the aim of reviewing the role, function and make up of Corporate Parenting Panel. The ambition is to ensure that Corporate Parenting Panel champions the voice and lived experience of Looked after children and those Leaving care and is key in supporting the delivery and focus of services around the Looked After Children Council promises.

## **2. Key Issues**

- 2.1 The attached report is the refreshed Terms of Reference for Corporate Parenting Panel. The terms of reference have been reviewed by all members of Corporate Parenting Panel to reflect an ambition to champion and ensure delivery of the corporate promises made to our looked after children and young people leaving care.

## **3. Options considered and recommended proposal**

- 3.1 The Corporate Parenting Panel (CPP) is asked to receive this report and to adopt the terms of reference for the new municipal year.

## **4. Consultation on proposal**

- 4.1 The report has been developed with member of the CPP Panel and the LAAC (Looked After Children's Council).

## **5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision**

- 5.1 This report has been developed by the CPP task and finish Group and includes member officer and key partners involvement

## **6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications (to be written by the relevant Head of Finance and the Head of Procurement on behalf of s151 Officer)**

- 6.1 There are no implications linked to finance or procurement.

## **7. Legal Advice and Implications (to be written by Legal Officer on behalf of Assistant Director Legal Services)**

- 7.1 There are no legal implications to this report. Advice has been sought as part of the consultation via legal and democratic services around make up and representation.

## **8. Human Resources Advice and Implications**

- 8.1 There are no direct human resource implications to this report.

## **9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults**

9.1 The report and proposals are relevant to all children looked after and will potentially impact on the experience of children looked after and care leavers. Young people and their participation in Corporate Parenting Panel has been key and they have been involved in the development and review of the corporate parenting promises and priorities.

## **10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications**

10.1 There are no direct implications from this report.

## **11. Implications for CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions and Climate Change**

11.1 There are no direct implications within this report.

## **12. Implications for Partners**

12.1 There are no direct implications in this report.

## **13. Risks and Mitigation**

13.1 The terms of reference have been developed in line with legal and democratic advice to ensure adherence to democratic processes.

## **14. Accountable Officer(s)**

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## **RMBC Corporate Parenting Panel Purpose and Terms of Reference May 2022**

### **Purpose**

RMBC Corporate Parenting Panel acts as an advisory Board to the Council, its partners and its committees on matters related to the Council's looked after children and care leavers.

Corporate Parenting is the term used in law to describe our collective responsibility to care for, love and champion our children in care and our care leavers and ensure they have every opportunity to reach their full potential as they grow up in our family.

### **Objectives and Terms of Reference**

1. Support Members and Officers to discharge their corporate parenting responsibilities and empower Members to challenge and Promote outcomes for looked after children and care leavers from 0 to 25 years.
2. To improve the outcomes and life chances of looked after children and care leavers, ensuring the delivery of the Rotherham Looked after Promises.
3. The voice of children and young people will be at the heart of service design, delivery and evaluation, including democratic decision-making processes.
4. Support the development of projects and activities which enhance and add value to the lives of looked after children and care leavers.
5. To celebrate the achievements of looked after children and care leavers.
6. Ensure there is a shared knowledge of the experiences faced by looked after children and care leavers in Rotherham with a focus on championing this across the council and Rotherham Partnership.
7. To work together to address any significant issues or barriers regarding the provision of services to looked after children and to work to identify ways to address them across the council and Rotherham Partnerships.
8. To ensure regular review and delivery of the priorities identified in the Corporate Parenting Strategy. This includes supporting a dynamic review of what the promises mean to young people and priority areas.

### **Attendance and Governance**

The meetings will be chaired by the lead member for Children Social Care

There will be a maximum of 5 Elected Members on the Panel, with opportunity to bring in wider membership linked to specific areas of focus

There should be clear cross-party representation representing the political make up of the council and agreed as per the Annual Council meeting.

The Vice-Chair will be appointed by the Corporate Parenting Panel.

The Chair of the Improving Lives Select Commission or the Vice-Chair should be included in the memberships to provide a key line of feedback from Corporate Parenting into Improving Lives.

### **Forward Plan**

There will be 4 meetings per year from May 2022

A LACC and Leaving Care representative will be invited to all 4 meetings

2 meetings per year will be steered by the young people and the Looked After Children's Council and their agenda

2 will be formal business meetings

All agenda items will be linked to the Looked After Promises and subsequent priorities.