

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Corporate Parenting Group
Draft Terms of Reference

Objectives

The Corporate Parenting Group will:-

1. Support Members and Officers to discharge their corporate parenting responsibilities and empower Members to challenge the arrangements for Looked After Children.
2. Improve the outcomes and life chances of Looked After Children and care leavers, particularly in relation to the Every Child Matters outcomes framework.
3. Listen to, consult with and involve Looked After Children and care leavers.
4. Support the development of projects and activities which enhance and add value to the lives of Looked After Children and care leavers.
5. Champion and celebrate the achievements of Looked After Children and care leavers.
6. Develop knowledge and be aware of the experiences and concerns of Looked After Children and care leavers.
7. Be aware of any significant issues or problems with regard to the provision of services to Looked After Children and to identify ways to address them.
8. Keep abreast of and learn from corporate parenting good practice.
9. Review and monitor progress on the actions identified in the Corporate Parenting Strategy. Reassess priority areas and update it annually.
10. Monitor progress on outcomes and performance indicators for Looked After Children.
11. Report on progress on corporate parenting to Council, Cabinet Advisory Teams; The Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel and The Children's Board.
12. Oversee the effectiveness of joint working between Council Departments; and between Council Departments and partner organisations.
13. Be the governing body for the Get Real Virtual School.
14. Undertake its work with regard to its safeguarding duties.