

# Corporate Parenting Board

A meeting of Corporate Parenting Board was held on Friday, 10th February, 2023.

**Present:** Cllr Barbara Inman (Chair), Cllr Carol Clark, Cllr Pauline Beall, Cllr Mick Moore, Cllr Hilary Vickers, Cllr Tony Riordan (Sub for Cllr Sally Ann Watson)

**Officers:** Michael Henderson, Debra Farrow, Mandie Rowlands, Adele Moore, David Willingham, Janet Wilson

**Also in attendance:** Jeremy Collins (Cleveland Police)

**Apologies:** Cllr Robert Cook, Cllr Sally Ann Watson

## **CPB 27/22**      **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **CPB 28/22**      **Minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2022**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2022 were confirmed as a correct record.

## **CPB 29/22**      **Adoption Tees Valley**

The Board considered a report that provide performance information and an overview of adoption activity for the period of 1 April 2022 to 30 September 2022. A full year's progress, in all areas of the Adoption Agency, would be reported to Board, as part of the Annual Report 2022-23.

Discussion

- It was noted that, at this time, there were a number of sibling groups for adoption. ATV liaised with the Council around planning the adoption for the siblings and these plans were identified in a timely manner. Processes for sharing information was particularly good, in Stockton.

- Board members were keen to understand if there was anything more they could do to support ATV and the adoption process. It was explained that any activity to promote ATV was beneficial. Members were invited to attend ATV and see first-hand the work it was undertaking.

RESOLVED that the update and discussion be noted.

## **CPB 30/22**      **Corporate Parenting Mid-Year 2022/23 performance update**

RESOLVED that the item be deferred to the Board's next meeting

## **CPB 31/22**      **Corporate Parenting Strategy 2023 - 2026**

Members received a presentation that provided progress on the development of the Corporate Parenting Strategy 2023 - 2026

The presentation provided an overview of work that had been undertaken to:-

- gather the views of elected members, in their role as corporate parents, and to establish what their priorities were for their children.
- establish the priorities of the children and young people in our care
- analyse the requirements of Ofsted.

The work undertaken had revealed that the Council had already been moving in the right direction and 6 priorities were highlighted:-

**Stability:** Ensuring every child had a safe, stable home where they felt connected and wanted. Developing and maintaining trusted relationships with professionals. Encouraging and supporting children to keep in touch with friends, family and other important people.

**Resilience:** Providing opportunities for children to develop social networks and life skills that help them to manage adversity and solve problems.

**Education and employment :** Providing the opportunities and support for children to progress and achieve in education and move into fulfilling employment.

**Good health:** Ensuring that all young people have access to good services to support optimal physical and mental health and wellbeing.

**Listening:** Creating the opportunities and structures to listen to young people and act on what they tell us.

**Be a good corporate parent:** Have high ambition and aspiration for our children and support them to achieve their full potential.

The priorities would form the basis of the Strategy and Action Plan.

Discussion:-

- There was support for the priorities identified and it was agreed that it was vital that, following the local elections, in May, there should be renewed efforts to ensure that elected members' understanding of their responsibility, as Corporate Parents, was unequivocal and that their future actions reflected this understanding in terms of their support for Children in Our Care. The Board noted that Members' Induction training relating to Corporate Parenting was planned early in May

RESOLVED that the update and discussion be noted.

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32/22**      **No Limits - Giving Scheme**

The Board received a presentation relating to the 'No Limits – Giving Scheme'

The presentation explained reasons why children came into care, highlighted children's development needs, what Corporate Parenting meant and what a Corporate Parent's role was. The presentation also included details of staff

Giving Scheme and future plans.

RESOLVED that the presentation be noted.

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**Forward Plan**

The Forward Plan was noted.