Corporate Parenting Board

A meeting of Corporate Parenting Board was held on Tuesday, 14th May 2024.

Present: Cllr Lisa Evans (Chair), Cllr Pauline Beall, Cllr Carol Clark, Cllr Mick Moore, Cllr Lynn Hall (sub for Alex Grifiths) Cllr Hilary Vickers, Cllr Sally Ann Watson

Officers: Jane Smith, Majella McCarthy, Michael Henderson

Also in attendance: Cllr Norma Stephenson, Ryan Davies

Apologies: Cllr Alex Griffiths,

CPB /23	**Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

CPB /24	**Our Promise to You – Corporate Parenting Pledge/Promise**

Members were provided with a presentation providing a draft of the Council's Corporate Parenting Board.

Discussion and points raised:-

- Young People had indicated that they were unhappy with the word pledge. Members felt the word promise may also be problematic.

- Corporate Parenting was the responsibility of all members, all Cabinet portfolios, all services and partners. Each Cabinet portfolio had been challenged to identify what they would do for Children in Our Care and Care Leavers.

- Should include a promise to work with the family and aim for the child to go back to their family, safely.

- The document should be a single sheet.

- It was suggested that the document presented was closely linked to the local offer and children's services responsibilities and should be more aspirational.

- It was important to be ambitious but any promise had to be deliverable.

- The promises of other Local Authorities, like Bristol, Cambden and Luton, were highlighted as exemplars .

Members agreed that some of the principles of the draft were useful but wording

and format needed to be changed.   It was suggested that the draft be reworded, based on discussion, and it be mocked-up using the Bristol example, as a guide.

RESOLVED that a further draft document be produced, based on discussion at this meeting and having regard to the Bristol exemplar.   The draft to be further considered at a development session, involving Board members, officers and other relevant people.