

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD

21ST SEPTEMBER 2020

WORK PROGRAMME 2020/21

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES & COMMUNICATION

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide the Board with a draft Work Programme for the Corporate Parenting Board for the Municipal Year 2020/21.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 Members provide comment as appropriate on the draft work programme (which is attached as Appendix 1 to the report)
- 2.2 Subject to any amendments, Members approve the draft work programme as a basis, which can be amended to reflect any changing priorities throughout the year.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Following the Corporate Parenting Board's production of its Annual Report, the need to ensure that the areas identified as 'Going Forward' are considered by the Board.
- 3.2 To assist Members diaries, there is a need to schedule frontline visits over the Municipal Year.

4. BACKGROUND

4.1 In April 2016, the Board published its first Annual Report of the Corporate Parenting Board, which provided a summary of the role and work of the Board undertaken during the 2015/16 Municipal Year.

- 4.2 As part of the report, the Board also outlined areas that it wished to consider over the 2016/17 Municipal Year, along with the usual updates that are presented to the Board in a timely manner.
- 4.3 At the meeting of the Board on the 20th July, 2016 (Minute 11) the Board agreed to the production of a work programme to assist Members with the Committees workload, although it was noted that this was to be a fluid document to be amended with changing priorities.
- 4.4 Following the successful introduction of the work programme, the Board felt it was necessary to continue the practice, to enhance transparency. Members will also have the opportunity to raise any matters that they would like to add to the programme during the year.

5. <u>DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME</u>

- 5.1 Corporate Parenting Board 'Going Forward'. The areas identified in the report by Members for consideration over the Municipal Year were:-
 - Training opportunities
 - Strengthening the link with Scrutiny
 - Children Who are Looked After Website Monitoring and advancements
 - Children Looked After Education
 - Human Resources Employment Programmes
 - Miskin Updates
 - Youth Offending Service
 - Vale, Valleys & Cardiff Regional Adoption Annual Report
 - Registered Childcare Provision
 - Independent Reviewing Officer Reports
 - Educational Outcomes
 - Young Carers Annual Report
- 5.2 It is proposed that each of the items are put forward against a scheduled Corporate Parenting Board meeting date, although depending on changing priorities the dates of this reporting may be subject to change.
- 5.3 General items which will regularly be reported to Members and are not included within the Work Programme include:-
 - Regulation 73 Reports
 - Compliments & Complaints Reports
 - Tros Gynnal Plant Updates
- 5.4 During the Year, the Board will continue to invite representatives from the RCT Forum to attend meetings. The Board have identified the need

- to strengthen their relationship with the young people whose contribution has been invaluable.
- 5.5 Arrangements in respect of Frontline Visits for Board Members have been postponed due to Covid-19 and social distancing measures.

6. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

6.1 The proposed draft work programme is a fluid document, allowing the programme to be amended with changing priorities. The programme is based on factors highlighted within the Board's Annual Report and does not include the usual updates presented to the Board, or other items officers deem appropriate to bring forward to the Corporate Parenting Board.

CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD WORK PROGRAMME 2020-2021

A draft work programme of the Corporate Parenting Board is set out below. This is a fluid document, allowing the programme to be amended with changing priorities. The programme is based on factors highlighted within the Boards Annual Report and does not include the usual updates presented to the Board, or other items Officers deem appropriate to bring forward to the Corporate Parenting Board.

REPORT	BOARD DATE	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	STATUS / COMMENTS
Corporate Parenting Board Work Programme	September, 2020	Hannah Williams	
Resilient Families Service	September, 2020	Zoe Lancelott	
RCT Forum	September, 2020	Chris Dunn & Young Person Representative	
Employment, Education & Training Programmes for CLA	September, 2020	Emma Brabon & Adam Bowden (HR)	
Independent Sector Monitoring Update	November, 2020	Karen Benjamin	
Miskin Annual Report	November 2020	Matthew Free	
CLA Educational Outcomes Improvement Strategy	January 2021	Ceri Jones / Kerry Webster	

Vale, Valleys & Cardiff Regional Adoption Annual Report	January, 2021	Annabel Lloyd	
Pupil Deprivation Grant – evaluation of cluster based model.	January, 2021	Siriol Burford, the Central South Consortium /Hannah Bevan	
Children Looked After – Educational Outcomes 2019-20	March, 2021	Ceri Jones / Kerry Webster	
Children Looked After Website Advancements Presentation	March, 2021	Judith Davis/Ceri Mann	
Youth Offending Service Annual Report	May 2021	Lyndon Lewis	
Registered Childcare Provision – Annual Update	May, 2021	Jessica Allen	
Young Carers Annual Report	May, 2021	Rachel Spry/Claire Williams & Young Person	