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Cabinet member for Children and Young People

7 October 2021

**Name of Cabinet Member:**

Cabinet Member for Children and Young People - Councillor P Seaman

**Director Approving Submission of the report:**

Director for Children's Services

**Ward(s) affected:**

None

**Title:**

**Corporate Parenting Board- activity report 2020-21**

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**Is this a key decision?**

No - although the proposals affect more than two electoral wards, the impact is not expected to be significant.

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**Executive Summary:**

This report documents the activity of the Corporate Parenting Board for 2020 to 2021 and the impact it has had to improve outcomes for Coventry's looked after children.

**Recommendations:**

The Cabinet Member is requested to:

- 1) Note the content of the report and endorse the work of the Corporate Parenting Board from 2020 to 2021.

**List of Appendices included:**

The report of the Corporate Parenting Board in 2020-2021 is attached.

**Background papers:**

None.

**Other useful documents**

None.

**Has it been or will it be considered by Scrutiny?**

No.

**Has it been or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?**

Yes –this report has been considered by the Corporate Parenting Board on 29 July 2021.

**Will this report go to Council?**

No.

## **Report title: Corporate Parenting Board- activity report 2020-21**

### **1. Context (or background)**

- 1.1** The Corporate Parenting Board is constitutionally required to oversee the outcomes of children and young people who are looked after by Coventry City Council. It is the place where voices of children can be heard about the services they receive, and work goes on with partners to make sure that looked after children in Coventry get the best possible outcomes. This report is the opportunity for members of the public to see these improvements.

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

- 2.1** Note the content of the report and endorse the work of the Corporate Parenting Board from 2020 to 2021.

### **3. Results of consultation undertaken**

- 3.1** Children and young people are an active part of the Corporate Parenting Board. In addition, the Participation Team reports back on the work that children and young people have undertaken with organisations. They are given an opportunity to ask questions of managers and promote their views on how to improve looked after services further. Questions are always given a written reply.

### **4. Timetable for implementing this decision**

- 4.1** The work of the Corporate Parenting Board will continue and a work programme for 2021 to 2022 has already been approved.

### **5. Comments from Director of Finance and Director of Law and Governance**

#### **5.1 Financial implications**

There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

#### **5.2 Legal implications**

There are no legal implications as a result of this report.

### **6. Other implications**

#### **6.1 How will this contribute to the Council Plan ([www.coventry.gov.uk/councilplan/](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/councilplan/))?**

This work contributes to the Council Plan in the following ways:

- Globally connected- the Corporate Parenting Board looks at how to improve the employment opportunities for looked after children and care leavers. It also makes sure that it facilitates routes into work including apprenticeships for care leavers, paid at the living wage
- Locally connected- The Corporate Parenting Board ensures that educational outcomes for looked after children are improved. It also promotes links with health colleagues to see that children get the best health opportunities they can, which includes their mental

wellbeing. The partnership arrangements available through the Board makes sure that looked after children get the best possible start in life

- Delivering our priorities with fewer resources- the Corporate Parenting Board and its partners work with looked after children and care leavers to develop services that meet their needs. It is part of an innovative system that works together to resolve problems for looked after children.

## **6.2 How is risk being managed?**

There are no identified risks to this work at the current time.

## **6.3 What is the impact on the organisation?**

None

## **6.4 Equality and Consultation Analysis (ECA)**

Children young people and care leavers are key to the Corporate Parenting Board. Their views are canvassed on a very regular basis and contribute to the drive to improve the services they are offered.

## **6.5 Implications for (or impact on) climate change and the environment**

None.

## **6.6 Implications for partner organisations?**

All the key partner agencies take an active part in the Corporate Parenting Board. A One Coventry approach is taken by the Board.

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