
Meeting	Corporate Parenting Board
Date	10 April 2017
Present	Councillors Cuthbertson (Vice-Chair), S Barnes, Brooks and Runciman
Apologies	Councillors Rawlings and Gunnell

37. Declarations of Interest

At this point in the meeting Members were asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they might have in relation to the business on the agenda or any other general interests they might have within the remit of the Board. None were declared.

38. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the last meeting of the Corporate Parenting Board held on 13 February 2017 be approved and then signed by the Chair as a correct record.

39. Public Participation

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak under the council's Public Participation Scheme.

40. Strategic Theme: Education - 2015-16 Annual Report of the Virtual School

The Board considered a report that informed them of the activities of the Virtual School Head teacher, the Virtual School and the 2015/16 educational outcomes of York's children and young people in care.

The Assistant Director of Education and Skills gave an update and highlighted the contents of the 2015/16 Annual Report of the Virtual School. She made reference to the:

- role of the virtual school
- schools roll and characteristics
- educational outcomes for York's Looked After Children
- excellent school attendance figures

- interventions in place to improve outcomes for Looked After Children.

The Board discussed the attainment gaps between York's Looked After Children and the national and the national Children in Care data. Officers confirmed that with such a small cohort of children in care the data was currently statistically insignificant and that a new benchmarking tool, due to go live in the Autumn, would have the capacity to isolate data to look at variables and benchmark each individual Looked After Child's progress from their starting point.

Members noted that a focus on improving teaching and learning in maths, reading and writing would continue and that the Virtual School would continually support and advise the School Effectiveness and Achievement Advisers and Head teachers about the outcomes for York's children in care.

Following comments and questions from the Board, officers were requested to thank the Virtual Head teacher for her comprehensive report that gave a logistic view and they agreed that the excellent attendance figures would enhance a child's learning to maximise their progression.

- Resolved: (i) That the contents of the annual report be noted and commented on to aid the development of the 2016-17 annual report.
- (ii) That an update report be received in the Autumn

Reason: To keep Board Members updated on the Virtual School and the 2015/16 educational outcomes of York's children and young people in care.

41. Update on implementation of Local Area Teams - their role in supporting vulnerable children

Members considered a report that updated them on the implementation of Local Area Teams (LATs) following their launch in January 2017.

The Head of Early Help and Local Area Teams gave an update and highlighted the background to the service, including the key elements and confirmed LAT's were a multi agency that brought

together a range of partners and pre-existing services in local areas to form a new set of preventive arrangements for families from pregnancy through to adult hood.

The Board noted that by tackling issues as they emerged there was a significant chance of preventing long term poor outcomes and the need for more specialised and high cost services at a later stage.

Following questions from the Board officers confirmed:

- the LAT's were communicating with a variety of partners to raise service awareness and develop partnership working.
- they would brief all Ward Councillors to ensure they were aware of and fully understood the service.
- they would use performance indicators to measure the objectives.
- they would verify if a translator would be present at the parenting course for parents of toddlers.¹

The Board thanked officers for their work and noted the supportive feedback they had already received from schools. They welcomed an update at a future Board meeting.

Resolved: That the report be noted and an update be received at a future Corporate Parenting Board meeting.

Reason: To keep Members updated on implementation of Local Area Teams.

Action Required

<1> Verify if a translator would be present at the parenting course for parents of toddlers. <1> NM

42. Corporate Parenting Board Work Plan 2016-17 and 2017-18

Members considered the Boards work plan for the 2016/17 and 2017/18 municipal year.

Following discussions it was agreed:

- Resolved:
- (i) That the work plan be noted.
 - (ii) That the relevant Members be briefed by officers before their visits to Wenlock Terrace

- and The Glen and then updates be received at future Corporate Parenting Board meetings.
- (iii) That SMTIM be invited to present their Annual report to the Corporate Parenting Board.
 - (iv) That Staying Put be invited to present an update to the Corporate Parenting Board.
 - (v) That the next Virtual School annual report be considered at the November Corporate Parenting Board.

Reason: To keep the Board's work plan updated.

Cllr Cuthbertson, Chair

[The meeting started at 5.00 pm and finished at 6.10 pm].