
Meeting	Corporate Parenting Board
Date	27 June 2016
Present	Councillors Brooks, S Barnes, Cuthbertson, Gunnell, Rawlings and Runciman

1. Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair

Members were invited to nominate a Chair and Vice-Chair for the Board for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Resolved: That Councillor Rawlings be appointed as the Chair and Councillor Cuthbertson as Vice-Chair of the Board, for the 2016/17 Municipal Year.

2. 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.

Councillor Cuthbertson declared a personal interest as a Local Authority Governor of Headlands Primary School.

Councillor Stuart Barnes declared a personal interest as a result of the involvement of a close family friend in the adoption process at Scarborough.

3. Minutes

Resolved:

That the minutes of the last meeting of the Corporate Parenting Board held on 18 April 2016 be approved as a correct record and then signed by the Chair, subject to the following points of clarification:

- (i) Minute 15 (iv): to note that the Children & Young People in Care Strategy 2016-2020 would be considered by the Executive in July and not June 2016;
- (ii) Minute 17: to note that the Children's Commissioners would be visiting York on 24 June 2016 and details of that visit would be circulated to Board Members, for information.

4. Public Participation

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

5. Update on Show Me That I Matter Panel

Members considered a verbal update on the Show Me That I Matter (SMTIM) Panel and the Bright Futures Scheme. This included a presentation from the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Panel, focusing on their website and poster campaigns and the achievements of young people after leaving care.

Board Members were highly appreciative of the work of the Panel and its young people and were keen to ensure its continuing success and engagement. They enthusiastically questioned the young people on a number of issues including encouraging younger school children to get involved and young adults over the age of 18, as well as connections to business networks and contributing to the development of York's Strategy for Children and Young People in Care. In relation to the involvement of both younger children and young adults, Members were informed that groups for aged 9-13 year olds (I Matter Too) and post 18 year olds (I Still Matter) had also been set up.

Resolved: That

- (i) the update be noted and the Chair and Vice Chair of the SMTIM Panel, in particular, be thanked for their presentation and ongoing contributions to the Panel;
- (ii) the Panel be invited to contribute to and comment upon York's Strategy for Children and Young People in Care;

- (iii) Officers establish connections between Show Me That I Matter Panel and business networks, such as York Young Professionals, the Chamber of Commerce and the Federation of Small Businesses.

Reason: To keep the Board updated on the work of SMTIM and the Bright Futures Scheme.

6. Corporate Parenting Board Programme of Work and Priorities

Board Members considered a report outlining a proposed operating framework and themed forward plan for the Board for coming meetings, aimed at developing and strengthening local corporate parenting arrangements. In addition, Members views were sought on developing 'link or champion' roles for Board Members to develop relationships and gain an oversight into activities between meetings in relation to key areas.

Members discussed and commented upon the proposed framework, forward plan and themed work areas in some detail and were keen to adopt practices which would help their work in shaping and mirroring young peoples' priorities. As a result of their discussion,

Resolved: That

- (i) As part of their development and rolling commitment to the activities of the Board, Members take individual responsibility for getting involved in developing understanding of and reporting back on progress in relation to the following areas:
- Show Me That I Matter - Councillor Rawlings;
 - Housing and Pathway Team - Councillor Stuart Barnes;
 - Education/Schools - Councillor Brooks;
 - Health - Councillor Runciman;
 - Placement Team, Fostering Service and Short Breaks – Councillor Cuthbertson;
 - Virtual Head and School for Children in Care – Councillor Brooks;
 - Connexions / Education, Training & Employment Councillor Gunnell

- (ii) the Board considers and takes on board good practice from elsewhere and as such, wherever possible, Officers compare that good practice to York in presenting reports and information to the Board;
- (iii) a standing invite be given to representatives from Show Me That I Matter Panel to secure the direct involvement of young people and that similarly appropriate officers or individuals be invited to attend specific meetings where themes are relevant to them;
- (iv) the Chair of the Board to attend Learning & Culture Scrutiny Committee together with the Assistant Director Children's Specialist Services, when the Board reports to that Scrutiny Committee for monitoring purposes;
- (v) the proposed themes for the Board's future work plan be endorsed, as set out in paragraph 25 of the report, subject to the inclusion of a theme around 'emotional mental health' and to Board Members being circulated with a template into which they could report back on their agreed responsible areas identified under (i) above
- (vi) Officers consult young people on an appropriate future engaging name for the Board, with York Corporate Parenting Board being suggested as one potential name from Board Members.

Reason: To develop a detailed suitable work programme for the Board.

7. Virtual School Development Updates

Further to the last meeting of the Board in April 2016, Members considered a report that highlighted the following key areas:

- the development of the 16/17 Virtual School Improvement Plan.
- the implications of the Rees Centre report.

- the outcome of a recent poetry competition which celebrated the creativity and talent of our Looked After Children.

Board Members were then invited to take part in an exercise helping to identify their future priorities for the Virtual School Improvement Plan 2016/17, based on findings from the Rees Report.

Undertaking the exercise engendered much debate and broadly speaking Members selected the same top three or four priorities throughout that exercise. These largely being around placement type and changes, school changes and educational support. They also expressed concern about the amount of time spent in care.

The Head of the Virtual School then explained that she was currently updating the Improvement Plan for 2016/17 and highlighted progress made during the lifetime of the 2015/16 Plan. She informed Members of and invited them to developmental activities taking place during Summer School (5-13 July 2016 at Moor Lane) and in relation to trauma and attachment in December. Further details would be circulated to Members.

Resolved: That:

- (i) the report and progress made since 2015/16 be noted; and
- (ii) the priorities identified by the Board be taken into consideration by the Virtual School Head when updating the Improvement Plan as outlined above for 2016/17

Reason: To help identify the key priorities for the Virtual School Improvement Plan 2016 /17

Cllr Rawlings, Chair

[The meeting started at 5.00 pm and finished at 7.00 pm].

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