

Corporate Parenting Board

2 May 2013

Report of the Assistant Director of Children's Specialist Services

Work Plan 2013-14

Summary

1. This report sets out the proposed timetable of reports for the Corporate Parenting Board for 2013-14. The aim of the work plan is to ensure that there is overview of each of the areas of the City of York Looked After Children's Strategy 2012-15 during the next year.

Background

2. The Board has been established since July 2012, during which time there have been opportunities for information to be provided regarding the scope of the looked After Children's Strategy. This work plan will ensure further orientation into each issue with key reports from the lead officers for the ongoing development of the service for looked after children.

Consultation

3. The Corporate Parenting Board will always ensure that consultation is undertaken with looked after children at the Show Me That I Matter (Children in Care council) to hear the voice of looked after children. Other key forums for consultation such as the York Area Foster Care Association will also be sought in relation to key matters.

Options

4. Option 1 It is proposed that the Corporate Parenting Board agrees to the schedule outlined for 2013-14.
5. Option 2 The Board may wish to propose any adjustments which enhance the scope for it to undertake its overview of corporate parenting.

Analysis

6. Work plan 2013-14

4 July 2013

Good and Safe Placements: the annual adoption report and quarterly fostering report.

3 October 2013

Health of looked after children; Moving into Adulthood, including the Care Leavers Charter.

5 December 2013

Respect and Involvement, including a report from the Children's Rights Officer; Education, with a report from the head teacher of the virtual school of looked after children.

6 March 2014

The emotional well being of looked after children; maintaining and promoting important relationships for looked after children.

1 May 2014

Respect and involvement including the annual report of the independent reviewing officer service; promoting a positive sense of identity for all children.

7. **Council Plan**

The Corporate Parenting Board will be ensuring that the work of partners for looked after children contributes to the aims of:

- The Children and Young People's Plan
- Building strong communities
- Protecting vulnerable people

Through the positive outcomes for looked after children, the aim is for them to be able to benefit from and contribute to:

- Get York moving
- Create jobs and grow the economy
- Protect the environment

8. Implications

- **Financial:** Not applicable
- **Human Resources (HR):** Not applicable
- **Equalities:** Not applicable
- **Legal:** Not applicable
- **Crime and Disorder:** Not applicable
- **Information Technology (IT):** Not applicable
- **Property:** Not applicable
- **Other:** None

Recommendations

9. This report recommends that the Corporate Parenting Board agrees to the work plan and timetable of meetings as outlined.

Reason: The council's commitment to undertake its role as a responsible Corporate Parent in line with the desired outcomes in the Looked After Children's Strategy 2012-15.

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Wards Affected: List wards or tick box to indicate all - All

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Background Papers:

Looked After Children's Strategy 2012-15, City of York Council