



## **CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD MINUTES**

**15<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 3.30pm**

### **Present:**

Councillor Cracknell (in the Chair)  
Councillor Beasant, Brasted, Hudson, Patrick and K.Swinburn

### **Officers in attendance:**

- Pippa Curtin (Voice and Influence Co-ordinator)
- Keith Nicholson (Headteacher of the Virtual School for Children Looked After)
- Beverly O'Brien (Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)
- Jo Spender (Head of Corporate Parenting)

### **Also in attendance:**

- GI (Our Voice, Listen Up Group)
- ET (Our Voice, Listen Up Group)

### **CPB.8 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were apologies for absence from Councillor Cairns, Murray MacDonald, Lisa Arthey, Claire White, Jennifer Steel, Angela Rawlings, Rob Walsh, Joanne Hewson and Yvonne Shearwood for this meeting.

### **CPB.9 MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Corporate Parenting Board meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021 was agreed as an accurate record.

### **CPB.10 ACTION TRACKING**

The board received a report that updated them on the action tracking for the Corporate Parenting Board in North East Lincolnshire.

RESOLVED – That the completed actions be removed and the tracker be noted.

## **CPB.11      CONTEXTUAL SAFEGUARDING REPORT**

Due to the report author not being able to attend, Members asked that the Contextual Safeguarding Report be postponed to be received at the next scheduled meeting of the Corporate Parenting Board.

RESOLVED – That the Contextual Safeguarding report be received at the Corporate Parenting Board taking place on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

## **CPB.12      DIGITAL INCLUSION UPDATE**

The board received a verbal update on digital inclusion from the Head of Corporate Parenting. Ms Spendor explained how there had been a recent announcement that £136 million had been set aside for laptops and internet devices to be provided to children arriving from Afghanistan. She explained how they were looking into more detail on how they could get some of that funding into North East Lincolnshire.

The Chair stated that she thought the issue that we had with digital inclusion had been resolved, but after receiving the update she wasn't sure that it had been. Members asked if a more detailed report could come to a future Corporate Parenting Board for further discussion.

RESOLVED – That a detailed report on digital inclusion be received at a future Corporate Parenting Board.

## **CPB.13      CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER PERFORMANCE REPORT**

The board received the Children Looked After performance report from the Head of Corporate Parenting.

One Member asked about the young people not having their access pathway reviewed for 6 months. Ms Spendor explained that this was based on care leavers who were 18 and over. Currently they did not have anything in place for over 18's, but they did meet regularly with their independent reviewing officers (IROs) who make sure their needs were being met.

Another member wondered whether it would be useful to receive training on why children and young people became looked after. The Board had some concerns that education, employment and training (EETs) had seen a decrease for 19–21-year-olds. The Chair also mentioned that there had been a increase in the figures of young people ceasing to be looked after. She wanted reassurance that the Council were confident that it was safe to cease their relationship with them. Ms Spendor confirmed that there was a very rigorous process to go through before they agreed for children to be discharged from the Councils care.

Members wondered who decided that the accommodation was suitable for the young people. Ms Spendor explained that they assess the

suitability via a forum that has been set up to for young people to take part in. This allowed the young people to advocate for themselves.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

**CPB.12    ‘OUR VOICE, LISTEN UP’ – Launch of the Corporate Parenting Promise**

The board received a verbal update on the launch of the Corporate Parenting Promise. Ms Curtin explained how they were looking at doing action plans based on the corporate parenting promise, specifically around performance reporting.

The young people in attendance shared how they found the Halloween social with councillors and board members. They believed it was a good opportunity to talk to councillors and take part in themed crafts and activities with them.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 5.26 p.m.