

Corporate Parenting Board Terms of Reference (Revised March 2011)

Responsibilities

The Board will have the following key responsibilities and duties:

1. To ensure that the Council effectively discharges its role as Corporate Parents for all their Children in Care.
2. To examine ways in which the Council as a whole and partner agencies can improved the life chances of all Children in Care and care leavers.
3. To refer matters to the Council's Scrutiny and Overview Board which warrant further investigation.
4. To advise the Council's Executive Committee of any actions that need to be taken.
5. To ensure there are good joint working arrangements between council departments and partner agencies. Maintaining an overview of these services and holding operational services to account.
6. To provide an opportunity for representatives of the Young People's Panel to report their work to the Board
7. To ensure that Children in Care have access to appropriate adult support/guidance through existing advocacy and consultation services.
8. To maintain a strategic overview of new developments, initiatives, plans, policies and strategies that impact on services for Children in Care.
9. To monitor the performance of the Council by receiving regular progress reports on all performance data relating to Children in Care Services.
10. To receive regular reports on the needs of care leavers including employment, further education, training and housing.
11. To receive Annual reports from the Adoption and Fostering Services, and Independent Reviewing Officer.
12. To agree an annual work programme setting out its key priorities and areas for action. This will be included in the annual report which will be submitted to council.
13. To acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of children and young people in care in areas of education, drama, sport and employment, and participate in annual celebration events.
14. To take account of direct experiences of parents of Children in Care and to ensure they influence the improvement of services and policy development.