

REMOTE CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL

Minutes of meeting held on 8th July 2024

Present: Councillor E. Williams (Chair); Councillor S. Lloyd-Selby (Vice-Chair); Councillors J.E. Charles, and N.C. Thomas; Dr. I. Johnson, L. Carver (Director of Social Services), R. Evans (Head of Service), M. Booker-Southard (Learning Links Manager • Standards and Provision), A. Woolcock (Team Manager), T. Dickinson (Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development, C. O'Dare (Team Manager 15 Plus), J. Rudge (Team Manager, Children and Young People Services), C. Western (Members and Committee Services Assistant).

(1)	Appointment of Vice Chair -
	Councillor N. Thomas nominated Councillor S. Lloyd-Selby and was agreed by the Chair.
(2)	Apologies -
	Formally received from M. Ingram, M. Hudson, Ceri O'Dare, Councillor Dr I. Johnson, J. Rudge,
(3)	Minutes and Matters Arising from 18th March 2024 -
	The Minutes were to follow the meeting.
(4)	Corporate Parenting Charter – CPP discussion to consider progress and any further actions to embed.
	<p>The Chair noted that CPP had signed up to the Charter and today's discussion was to support embedding of the Charter.</p> <p>L. Carver shared that Welsh Government had been in contact and thanked us for signing up to the Charter, this led to a discussion regarding a meeting he had with the Childrens Commissioner. He went on to share on screen how the Commissioner's Office was delivering on the promises within the Charter. CPP agreed this provided a helpful illustration.</p> <p>N. Thomas asked if there would be a possibility of identifying a new Care Leavers Forum representative.</p> <p>R. Evans explained that unfortunately there was a reluctance for our care leavers to be a part of the CPP and suggested we continue to explore alternative ways of engaging our care leavers.</p> <p>R. Evans also noted that the Care Leavers Forum recently contributed to our Corporate Strategy with a very positive outcome.</p> <p>S. Lloyd-Selby asked CPP the following: What does the Charter mean in practice? What difference is it making to young people? How did we measure success? She also expressed an interest in further engaging the Care Leavers Forum.</p>

	<p>M. Booker-Southard thanked L. Carver for the example from the Children’s Commissioner. She noted work being undertaken to work with our care experienced young people in schools, to revisit our young people’s accessible version and reviewing some policies.</p> <p>M. Booker- Southard supported wider engagement of schools and felt an embedding document could be helpful with this.</p> <p>The Chair thanked M. Booker- Southard and looked forward to hearing more about the work that is currently taking place and could be added to.</p> <p>It was agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A template would be created on OneDrive with the nine promises of the Charter to enable CPP to add their thoughts. <p>An in-person workshop will be convened to support CPP in agreeing how it will achieve embedding of the Charter.</p>
(5)	Children Looked After – Breakdown – K. Conway
	<p>R. Evans presented a summary of the breakdown of children looked after. There were currently 347 children looked after in the Vale as of the last report from the 25th of June 2024. Further details were shared, and questions answered.</p>
(6)	Any Other Business –
	<p>The date of next meeting was confirmed as 16th September at 5.00 p.m.</p>