

CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL

TERMS OF REFERENCE/MEMBERSHIP

1. A Corporate Parenting Panel is formally established as part of the Annual Meeting arrangements with clear terms of reference, membership and reporting lines.
2. The Panel to meet six weekly in the first year.
3. The terms of reference are:
 - To ensure looked after children and young people are seen as a priority by the whole of the Council and its partners.
 - Scrutinise the policies, opportunities and procedures in place across the Council to support looked after children and young people in achieving their potential and make recommendations, where appropriate to the Cabinet, for improvement.
 - Gather the views of, and act as advocate for looked after children and young people and care leavers.
 - To monitor and evaluate the responsiveness of partners in supporting children and young people looked after to achieve their potential.
 - To hold officers and partners to account.
4. Membership
 - Chairman: Cllr A H Thomas (Leader of the Council)
 - Cllr P A Rees
 - Cllr P D Richards
 - Cllr A R Lockyer
 - Cllr Mrs K Pearson
 - Cllr M Harvey
 - Cllr Ms C Morgans
 - Cllr S Paddison
 - Cllr S Rahaman
 - Cllr I B James
 - Cllr D Keogh
 - Cllr M Ellis

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- Cllr J D Morgan

Attendees to include:

- Foster Parent
- Care Leaver
- Director of Social Services, Health and Housing
- Head of Children and Young People
- Principal Officer with responsibility for looked after children
- Education Co-ordinator
- Others subject to the business of the Committee (to include wider partners)

5. Initial Work Programme

To include:

- To prepare a corporate parenting policy statement.
- To understand the outcomes being achieved by looked after children in Neath Port Talbot and identify areas where improvement work should be concentrated in the first instance, starting with improving educational achievements.
- Ensuring all elected members have appropriate opportunities to ensure they fully understand their corporate parenting responsibilities. This is to include initial induction, clear role descriptions, and suitable training and guidance.
- To commission suitable information to support Elected Members in their corporate parenting roles. To include identifying what information is important, what insight it provides for Members and how to determine if the information is highlighting good or poor performance.
- Reporting Arrangement –letter from Panel Chairperson to the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People. Letter from chairperson to other Members as

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appropriate. Annual report from the Panel to full Council.