

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNCIL
NEATH PORT TALBOT SOCIAL SERVICES, HOUSING AND
COMMUNITY SAFETY CABINET BOARD

21st MARCH 2024

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE
SERVICES – K. WARREN

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Matter for Decision

Wards Affected All Wards

THE CORPORATE PARENTING CHARTER – A PROMISE FROM
WALES “A SHARED PARENTING PLEDGE”

1. Purpose of Report

To inform cabinet of the Welsh Government Charter and seek approval for the Council’s adoption of the Charter.

2. Background

Corporate parenting promotes the collective responsibility of Local Authorities to safeguard and promote the rights and life chances of care-experienced children and young people. Supporting care-experienced children and young people through their childhoods and as they leave care should be the responsibility of all public sector bodies. Therefore Welsh Government have produced a charter – a promise from Wales which is a set of principles and promises. Welsh Government are asking for all public sector bodies and senior leaders to sign up to this Charter as a good Corporate Parent.

3. Financial Impacts

There are no financial impacts arising from this report.

4. Integrated Impact assessment

There is no requirement for an integrated impact assessment.

5. Valleys Communities Impact

There are no implications.

6. Workforce Impacts

There are no workforce impacts arising from this report.

7. Legal impacts

There are no legal impacts arising from this report.

8. Risk Assessment Impacts

There are no risk management requirements arising from this report.

9. Crime and Disorder Impacts

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a duty on the Council in the exercise of its functions to have “due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent:

- a) Crime and disorder in its area (including anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment);
- b) The misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in its area; and
- c) Re-offending the area”.

There is no impact under the Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

10. Counter Terrorism Impacts

The proposals are likely to have no impact on the duty to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.

11. Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Impacts:

Section 2(1) of the Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015 introduced a general duty where a person exercising relevant functions must have regard (along with all other relevant matters) to the need to remove or minimise any factors which:

- (a) increase the risk of violence against women and girls, or
- (b) exacerbate the impact of such violence on victims.

The proposals contained in this report are likely to compliment and work alongside the impact on the above duty. VAWDA SV is included in the priorities of the Board under exploitation.

12. Consultation

There is no requirement for external consultation on this item.

13. Recommendations

Having due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment it is recommended that Members approve the Council adopting the Corporate Parenting Charter as detailed in Appendix 3.

14. Reasons for Proposed Decision

To ensure that the Council has signed up to Welsh Government's Charter as a good Corporate Parent.

15. Implementation of Decision

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

16. Appendices

Appendix 1: Corporate Parenting Charter – A Promise from Wales;

Appendix 2: Principles of Corporate Parenting;

Appendix 3: Integrated Impact Assessment.

17. Background Papers

None.

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