

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

**21<sup>st</sup> 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**

‘A first stage impact assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its legislative duties (under the Equality Act 2010, the Welsh Language Standards (No.1) Regulations 2015, the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.

The first stage assessment has indicated that a more in-depth assessment is not required. A summary is included below.'

- Positive impact on people with a protected characteristic of age and disability.
- No impact on people with other protected characteristics.
- No impact on Welsh Language opportunities.
- Neutral impact on biodiversity.
- Supports the five ways of working.

## **5. Valleys Communities Impact**

There are no implications.

## **6. Workforce Impacts**

There is an expectation that the workforce have due regard to these principles when working with care experienced children and young people. Appropriate support and training will be provided.

## **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; a consultation has already been undertaken by Welsh Government with young people in the development of this Charter. This Charter has already been presented to and considered by Corporate Parenting Panel.

## **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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