

**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD**

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**CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD WORK PROGRAMME 2023/24**

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES & COMMUNICATION**

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**1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide the Board with a draft Work Programme for the Corporate Parenting Board for the 2023-2024 Municipal Year.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 Members provide comment as appropriate on the draft work programme (which is attached as Appendix 1 to the report)
- 2.2 Subject to any amendments, Members approve the draft work programme as a basis, which can be amended to reflect any changing priorities throughout the year.

**3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 Following the Corporate Parenting Board's production of its Annual Report, the need to ensure that the areas identified as 'Going Forward' are considered by the Board.

**4. BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 In April 2016, the Board published its first Annual Report of the Corporate Parenting Board, which provided a summary of the role and work of the Board undertaken during the 2015/16 Municipal Year. As part of the report, the Board also outlined areas that it wished to consider over the 2016/17 Municipal Year, along with the usual updates that are presented to the Board in a timely manner.

- 4.2 At the meeting of the Board on the 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 (Minute 11) the Board agreed to the production of a work programme to assist Members with the Committees workload, although it was noted that this was to be a fluid document to be amended with changing priorities.
- 4.3 Following the successful introduction of the work programme, the Board felt it was necessary to continue the practice, to enhance transparency. Members will also have the opportunity to raise any matters that they would like to add to the programme during the year.

## **5. DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME**

- 5.1 Corporate Parenting Board 'Going Forward'. - The areas identified in the annual report by Members for consideration over the Municipal Year were:-
- The review of performance data
  - Participation & Engagement with CLA
  - Elected Member Training opportunities
  - Education, Employment and Training Opportunities for CLA
  - The Mental Health and Wellbeing of Young People who are Looked After and Care Leavers
  - Virtual School Model
  - Safeguarding
  - Monitoring of Independent Sector Placements
  - Operating without Registration Placements
  - The MAGU Project
- 5.2 The Corporate Parenting Board will receive annual updates from the following services to continue to monitor the progress, achievements, and future aspirations:
- Miskin Services
  - Youth Offending Service
  - Vale, Valleys & Cardiff Regional Adoption Service
  - Fostering Services Quality of Care
  - Registered Childcare Provision
  - Young Carers
  - Youth Offending Service
- 5.3 It is proposed that each of the items are put forward against a scheduled Corporate Parenting Board meeting date, although depending on changing priorities the reporting dates may be subject to change.
- 5.4 Statutory reports which will regularly be presented to Members and are not included within the Work Programme include:-

- Regulation 73 Reports
- Social Services Compliments & Complaints Reports
- Tros Gynnal Plant Cymru Advocacy Updates
- Child Practice Review
- CIW Inspection Reports

5.5 During the Year, the Board will continue to invite representatives from the RCT Forum to attend meetings. The Corporate Parenting Board remain of the view that views and contribution of young people is invaluable.

5.6 Members will undertake frontline visits to the various Children Services teams at the end of the Municipal Year. A timeline will be circulated at a later date.

## **6. CONCLUSION**

6.1 The proposed draft work programme is a fluid document, allowing the programme to be amended with changing priorities. The programme is based on factors highlighted within the Board's Annual Report and does not include the statutory updates presented to the Board.