

## Appendix 3

Corporate Parenting Principles and Promises are about embedding visibility and a positive culture in the local authority towards care experienced young people. Their success depends on the extent to which Directors, Councillors, Heads of Service and frontline managers and officers promote the pledge and develop an implementation plan to hear the voices of how young people wish to be involved and to address the 7 priority areas.

Ideas have been collated from voice work in RCT (Appendix 2) and other local authorities for care experienced young people working with the Corporate Parenting Board.

### **RCT ideas to engage young people.**

- Smaller group sessions such as activities children and young people are interested in to participate alongside members of the Corporate Parenting Board to get involved in and to hear children and young people's voices. This can include cooking, music, arts and crafts, drama, sports, one to one discussions and small groups. This can also include activity days to create less of a formal event.
- Working alongside specific cohorts of young people. Young people in Residential Care, Foster Care, Kinship Care, 16+ etc...
- Incentivising young people for their participation and time such as vouchers and experiences to get involved in.
- Promoting the visibility of the Corporate Parenting Board to engage young people via website pages, online platforms and in person.
- Members of the Corporate Parenting Board could be part of a schedule of activities in small group sessions with care experienced young people.
- Contact details for RCT Corporate Parenting Board for young people to get in touch.

### **Other local authority ideas**

- Challenge cards. Young People can challenge Corporate Parents about issues including an annual question and answer-based session.
- Accessible venues, small groups, after school/ college and during school holidays and online platforms.
- Corporate Parents as Mentors.
- England has 'Elected Members called 'Total Respect' (National Award-winning resource delivered by care-experienced trainers).
- Councillors mentoring care experienced young people.

- Young people being involved in training of staff and designing packs and social media resources for young people coming into care.
- In Milton Keynes the Virtual School and Participation Officer provide a weekly Youth group ages 8 to 18 for emotional and education support. This includes sports, arts and crafts, homework and a range of other activities. This includes a meal and the Director attends on a fortnightly basis to hear the views of care experienced young people.