

LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

Report to: Children and Education Policy and Accountability Committee

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Subject: Corporate Parenting Board Review

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SUMMARY

In Hammersmith & Fulham we are committed to ensuring every child has the best possible start in life, grows up feeling cherished, loved and realises their full potential as a young person. At the end of last year, we undertook a piece of work to review our Corporate Parenting Board to strengthen our direct engagement and consultation with young people and to ensure that it continues to meet desired aims and objectives.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. For the Committee to note the redesign of Corporate Parenting Board and to provide scrutiny and challenge of the impact and outcomes of the Board in future.

Wards Affected: All

Our Values	Summary of how this report aligns to the H&F Values
Building shared prosperity	The purpose of the Corporate Parenting Board is to ensure best outcomes for our cared for children and young people, engaging them in positive activities, education, employment, and training
Creating a compassionate council	The care and commitment of the workforce, partnership, and our community organisations to support and protect our children and give them every opportunity to thrive
Doing things with local residents, not to them	Voice of the children is present in all the work that we are doing. Children and

	young people contribute to influencing our service delivery
Being ruthlessly financially efficient	Voice of the children is present in all the work that we are doing. Children and young people contribute to influencing our service delivery
Taking pride in H&F	We continue to be aspirational for our children and continue to celebrate the success with them. We strongly believe our young people are an asset to our community.
Rising to the challenge of the climate and ecological emergency	Corporate Parenting Board has an awareness and consideration of the climate challenge and provide our children and young people with opportunities to learn and participate in our community

Background Papers Used in Preparing This Report

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/683698/Applying_corporate_parenting_principles_to_looked-after_children_and_care_leavers.pdf

DETAILED ANALYSIS

A review of the board was undertaken with our children, professional stakeholders, workforce and elected members and included scoping and review of models used in authorities with a good or outstanding Ofsted judgement.

The key actions we agreed to remodel the Hammersmith are Fulham, Corporate Parenting Board were:

- **Broaden Membership** - we wanted to make sure that the whole council and relevant partner agencies were committed to excellent standards of corporate parenting and as such wanted to increase the range of elected members, including opposition; senior leaders and managers from partners including Health; stakeholders' groups – foster carers (HAWK)
- **Scrutiny and Challenge** – reporting cycle and data set to be transparent and allow for CPB members to provide challenge
- **Introduction of children led workshops with Member Challenge** – to facilitate progression of elements of the business plan outside the Board and to increase member engagement and leadership
- **Relaunch Corporate Parenting Pledge** – to promote and increase visibility and make sure we have an offer that meets the needs of our children and young adults

The Corporate Parenting Board will also oversee and challenge partners on service delivery. A significant priority for this year's board activity will be supporting the service to increase our website and Social Media presence and visibility. We are collaborating on the design and delivery of a dedicated Corporate Parenting website, which clearly sets our vision, offer and commitment for our children and young people (CICC, Care Leavers Offer, Pledge etc).

LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Corporate Parenting Board Redesign Presentation