

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Corporate Parenting Committee**
held on Tuesday, 6th September, 2022 in the Committee Suite 1,2 & 3,
Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor K Flavell (Chair)

Councillors M Asquith, R Bailey, C Bulman, P Butterill, D Jefferay, M Benson and S Edgar

ALSO PRESENT

Deborah Woodcock, Executive Director of Children's Services
Kerry Birtles, Director of Children's Social Care
Laura Rogerson, Head of Service: Inclusion
Georgie Fletcher, Deputy Virtual School Headteacher
Laura McLoughlin, Social Worker
Steve Nevitt, Care Leavers Service Manager
Sue Pilkington, NHS Designated Nurse Safeguarding Children (joined remotely via Microsoft Teams)
Karen Shuker, Democratic Services Officer

42 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Buckley, Holland and Saunders.
Cllr Councillors Benson and Edgar attended as substitutes.

43 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

44 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 28 June 2022 be agreed as a correct record.

45 UPDATE FROM SHADOW COMMITTEE (VERBAL)

A verbal update was given on the recent A-Level and GCSE exam results for cared for children and young people. It was noted that the data was still being validated nationally and regionally so there was the potential for the figures to change. The Virtual School Headteacher's annual report would be received at the November Corporate Parenting Committee, and this would contain more data and analysis. The committee wanted to congratulate these young people on their achievements, and it was

suggested that this could be done at a celebration event which was being planned in November by the Shadow Corporate Parenting Committee.

46 CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22

The committee received the report which detailed the progress and achievements over 2021-22 against the pledges the Council made to cared for children and care leavers in the Corporate Parenting Strategy.

A query was raised regarding work that had been undertaken to improve dental care for cared for children and what impact this has had. The committee were advised that there had been an improvement but that it was not yet where the team wanted it to be. Data would be shared following the meeting to provide further detail.

RESOLVED:

That the Corporate Parenting Committee endorse the Corporate Parenting Committee Annual Report 2021-22 as set out at Appendix 1.

47 CARE LEAVERS SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT

The committee received the Care Leavers Service Annual Report. A number of achievements were highlighted including the number of cared for young people in apprenticeships increasing and an increase in Staying Put arrangements.

Members raised queries in relation to the cost of living crisis and assurances were given that measures were in place to support care leavers financially and practically. This was in addition to the community resources available for the care leavers to connect with if these choose to.

The committee thanked the team for the positive report.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 2.55 pm

Councillor K Flavell (Chair)