

Corporate Parenting Member Induction

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Overview

- Definition of Corporate Parenting
- Model for Corporate Parenting in Thurrock
- Children in Care Council
- Putting Corporate Parenting into Practice
- Key Performance Data
- Member packs/ NCB handbook

What is Corporate Parenting?

- Local authorities have responsibility for looked after children, sometimes also referred to as children in care.
- All council departments, officers, councillors and partner agencies have a responsibility for looked after children not just children's social care.
- All councils and all council departments should actively promote the life chances of looked after children.
- Looked after children should be cared about, not just cared for, and all aspects of their development should be nurtured.

“For children who are looked after, your council has a legal and moral duty to try to provide the kind of loyal support that any good parents would give to their children... you should do your utmost to make sure that children in public care get a good start in life”.

(Dobson 1998, p2)

Model for Corporate Parenting in Thurrock

Children & Young People Partnership Board

Scrutiny
Governance

Cabinet

Management Information

Children's Overview
And Scrutiny

Children & YP Feedback

Corporate
Parenting
Committee

Plans, strategies,
policies
Care Pledge

Children
in Care Council

Resources
Staffing
Skills
Placement
Services

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Children in Care Council

- All authorities must have a CIC Council
- LAC can participate and provide feedback on decisions made about them.
- Accountability through the Pledge.
- Listening to young people.
- Celebrate the success of our C&YP

Putting Corporate Parenting into Practice

- As a corporate parent you have the right to question the authority about its work with looked after children.
- Do you know about the children in Thurrock, how many are looked after children and what they need?
- Is the council putting in enough resources.

- Are children safe in Thurrock?
- Do we support families to care for their own children, to avoid them coming into care?
- Do we have enough placements in Thurrock to meet needs?
- Is there enough support for young people who leave care, what housing do we provide?
- Are there enough staff, do they have the right qualifications and training?

Why is Corporate Parenting important

- Poor outcomes for looked after children are not inevitable
- It is important to get the right children in at the right time.
- Promote best practice and have high ambitions for the young people.
- Getting it right means, value for money, improved performance and good outcomes

Corporate Parenting

- If this were my child, would it be good enough for them?
- If I were that child, would it be good enough for me?
- How can I make it even better?