

Central Bedfordshire Council

CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL

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Amendment to the Terms of Reference for the Corporate Parenting Panel

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Purpose of this report

1. To endorse the proposed amendment to the terms of reference of the Corporate Parenting Panel.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Panel is asked to:-

1. **approve the proposed amendment to the terms of reference of the Corporate Parenting Panel as set out at Appendix A.**

Overview and Scrutiny Comments/Recommendations

2. The composition of the Panel does not form part of the business of the overview and scrutiny committees.

Terms of Reference

3. A request has been received from the Executive Member for Families, Education and Children to amend the terms of reference of the Corporate Parenting Panel to allow either the Executive Member or the Deputy Executive Member for Families, Education and Children to be the Chairman of the Panel.
4. A copy of the amendment to the terms of reference are set out at Appendix A.

Council Priorities

5. The appropriate structure of the Corporate Parenting Panel will contribute to the proper running of the Council, enabling it to meet its priorities and ambitions, as set out in the Council's 5-Year Plan:
www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/council/five-year/plan.aspx

Corporate Implications

Legal Implications

6. The Children Act 2004 and the Children Act 2009 set out the duty of a local authority to safeguard and promote the welfare of looked after children. This duty is exercised through the role of the corporate parent to children who are looked after.

Financial and Risk Implications

7. There are no financial and risk implications relating to the amendments to the terms of reference.

Equalities Implications

8. There are no equalities implications relating to the amendments to the terms of reference.

Conclusion and next Steps

9. This will allow either the Executive Member or the Deputy Executive Member for Families, Education and Children to Chair the Panel.

Appendices

Appendix A: Terms of Reference of the Corporate Parenting Panel.

Background Papers

None

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