

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

Corporate Parenting Board

NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR CORPORATE PARENTING

Executive Member for Children, Families & Learning: Cllr Mike Carr

Director of Children, Families & Learning: Gill Rollings

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PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To inform the Corporate Parenting Board of new arrangements to combine the functions of the Corporate Parenting Board (CPB) and the Multi Agency Looked After Partnership (MALAP) to create a partnership which improves the lives of children who are looked after and improves their long-term outcomes by working closely with partners from key agencies and Middlesbrough Councillors. The new arrangements will also provide a direct interface between Councillors and operational managers from a range of organisations.
2. To advise the Corporate Parenting Board that the proposed new arrangements have been submitted in a report to the Executive attached as Appendix A.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

3. It is recommended that the Corporate Parenting Board accept the recommendations outlined in the report to the Executive attached as Appendix A.

IF THIS IS A KEY DECISION, WHICH KEY DECISION TEST APPLIES?

4. It is over the financial threshold (£75,000)
It has a significant impact on 2 or more wards
Non Key

DECISION IMPLEMENTATION DEADLINE

5. For the purposes of the scrutiny call in procedure this report is

Non-urgent
Urgent report

If urgent, please give full reasons.

BACKGROUND AND EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

6. The background information is outlined in the report to the Executive, attached as Appendix A.

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

7. A Level 1 impact assessment has been carried out on the proposals to revise the remit of the Corporate Parenting Board. The impact assessment found that the proposal would have a positive impact on looked after children.

FINANCIAL, LEGAL AND WARD IMPLICATIONS

8. There are no financial, legal or ward implications.

RECOMMENDATION

9. It is recommended that the Corporate Parenting Board accept the recommendations outlined in the report to the Executive to
 - Accept and endorse the proposal to merge the Corporate Parenting Board and the Multi Agency Looked After Partnership.
 - Accept the proposed terms of reference for the new Corporate Parenting Board / Multi Agency Looked After Partnership.
 - Request that the Children in Care Council (CICC) provide a name for the new arrangements, which will replace the Corporate Parenting Board / Multi Agency Looked After Partnership.

REASONS

10. To build on the existing Corporate Parenting arrangements and improve the outcomes for Looked After Children.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

11. No background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

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