

**MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL  
CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD**



<b>Report of:</b>	Kathy Peacock - Youth Voice & Influence Contractor Participation People
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<b>Submitted to:</b>	<b>Corporate Parenting Board- 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	Your Voice and Influence
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<b>Contribution to the guiding principles of the Corporate Parenting Strategy</b>
<b>Your Home</b>
<b>Your Family and Friends</b>
<b>Your Education</b>
<b>Your Adult Life</b>
<b>Your Health and wellbeing</b>
<b>Your Voice and Influence - Yes</b>

**Is the report confidential or does it contain exempt information?**

No

**What is the purpose of this report?**

To update the Corporate Parents on Youth Voice activities that have taken place and being proposed.

**Report Background**

Please refer to Appendix 1

**Appendices**

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**Recommendations**

Information only

**Why is this being recommended?**

N/A

**Other potential decisions and why these have not been recommended**

N/A

**Impact(s) of recommended decision(s)**

N/A

***Legal***

N/A

***Financial***

N/A

***Policy Framework***

N/A

***Equality and Diversity***

N/A

***Risk***

N/A

**Actions to be taken to implement the decision(s)**

N/A

**Background Papers**

<b>Body</b>	<b>Report title</b>	<b>Date</b>
Corporate Parenting Board	Participation Youth Voice Update	30.3.2022

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# Middlesbrough Participation

## #YouthVoice Update

### April 2022

Participation People facilitate open, safe, and inclusive spaces with these #YouthVoice forums. Each group co-creates fun and engaging opportunities for their peers and decision-makers (like you!) to get involved in service improvement activities, campaigns and events.



Middlesbrough Children in Care Council - a group for care experienced young people between the ages of 10-17 years



Middlesbrough Care Leavers Forum - a group for care experienced young adults between the ages of 18 -25 years



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## April 2022



Children In Care Council (currently six members)

- The two OFSTED inspectors visited their group on the 29th March. They asked the young people questions about their care support and received positive examples of current support at school, from their social worker and knowing their plans. The young people did raise the issue that they wanted less changes of social workers and the inspectors said they would raise this issue in their meeting with the Children's Director the following morning. The inspectors heard about what the CICC had been doing and joined them in an activity to identify what they needed to reach their goals.
- Sue Butcher joined their group on the 5th April. She told them the inspectors really enjoyed their time with the group and that they had spoken to her about their issue of having too many changes of social workers. She explained what work was happening to bring experienced social workers into the Council and the incentives offered to ensure they stayed.
- The group met Keith from the Middlesbrough Football Foundation to plan a football themed activity day on the 28th July for care experienced young people. Part of the day will involve asking the young people questions about their support experiences.
- The group choose to have a fun activity instead of their group on the 12th April. We all went bowling.
- The group will continue working on the issues they have identified and will give feedback to key decision makers.

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### Care Leavers Forum (Currently two members)

- Numbers have decreased due to several members moving out of the area, one returning to work and one being heavily pregnant.
- We have one care leaver who attends every meeting and is very committed and enthusiastic. She is keen to grow the group and has been instrumental in organising the Care Leavers Brunch that will take place on the 14th April (10.30-1pm at the Folk in the Road). We plan to market the group during the event.
- We are working with the Pathways Team and every two weeks the social group they run will be taken over by Participation People to run engagement activities.
- The Children's Commissioner Office has given the CLF 200 free membership codes for Breeze – a wellbeing app.

**Breeze**

<https://breeze.com/>

These codes will be sent out to care leavers who might find it useful

## Middlesbrough's Care Experienced #YouthVoice Road Map

JAN  
2022

FEB  
2022

MAR  
2022

APR  
2022

- Re-launch of in person sessions for Mini CiCC, CiCC and Mini CiCC.
- Begin working on Satisfaction Survey for Children in Care in Middlesbrough and build this into Audit practices.

- Weekly groups for CiCC and CLF
- Care Leavers Celebration & Awards event
- 'Growing up in Middlesbrough workshop for Corporate Parents, facilitated by Care Leaver Forum.
- Celebration/fun events for children who are care experienced

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- #YouthVoice Champions Training Residential including Care Leavers and young people who are care experienced.
- 'Your Voice' Survey to be sent to care experienced young people. Live 11th March
- Language that Cares - CLF to co deliver session during Practice week.
- Corporate Parents (CP) on the Spot - CiCC and CLF to put questions to CP
- CiCC to meet with Ofsted - 29th March

- CiCC and CLF sessions to take place
- Children's Director to attend CiCC 5th April
- CiCC to go bowling 12th April
- CLF to hold a Care Leavers Brunch on the 14th April. Corporate Parents, Key Managers and the Major invited

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MAY  
2022

JUNE  
2022

JULY  
2022

- CiCC and CLF sessions to take place
- Big Boss on the Spot - 10th May - All young people invited
- Celebration/fun events for children who are care experienced
- Report Survey findings to Key decision makers and young people
- Work with the youth voice groups to develop a Youth Proof stamp
- Led inspection of Social Care service by care experienced young people.
- #YouthProof to Future Proof MBC's formal governance processes and policies with professionals, led by Care Leaver Forum.

- CiCC and CLF sessions to take place
- Take-Over Challenge Corporate Parents "take over from a Care Leaver for the week.
- What's it like to be a child in care training, facilitated by Middlesbrough's Care Leaver Forum for professionals and foster carers.

- CiCC and CLF sessions to take place.
- Social activities for Care Leavers, care experienced young people, and Corporate Parents.
- Co-production iLabs, led by Care Leavers for decision makers to unpack data from satisfaction survey, training and events.
- Care Experienced Participation Action Plan co-produced with Corporate Parents and In Care Councils.

# Your Middlesbrough #YouthVoice Team

We have an amazing team of professionals who facilitate these groups and ensure young people are having FUN!

## Participation People- Who are we?

### Our Middlesbrough Team

 Antonia - CEO	 Hannah - Programme Manager	 Laurie Youth Council and Young Champions Lead Support Youth Council (Contractor)	 Fred
 Xavier - In Care Councils	 Katty - In Care Councils	 Ed - Young Researcher Lead	 Alice - Young Researcher Lead

## CONTACT

Contact [HannahW@participationpeople.com](mailto:HannahW@participationpeople.com) ...for more information on Middlesbrough's #YouthVoice activities, campaigns, projects, and events. We would LOVE to hear from you!



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