

**MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL
CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD**



Report of:	Kathy Peacock - Youth Voice & Influence Contractor Participation People
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Submitted to:	Corporate Parenting Board- 27th July 2022
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Subject:	Care Experienced Youth Voice Engagement: May - July 2022
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Contribution to the guiding principles of the Corporate Parenting Strategy
Your Home
Your Family and Friends
Your Education
Your Adult Life
Your Health and wellbeing
Your Voice and Influence - Yes

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

Body	Report title	Date
Corporate Parenting Board	Participation Youth Voice Update	19.7.2022

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Care Experienced Youth Voice Engagement May - July 2022

Middlesbrough Participation Team facilitates open, safe, and inclusive spaces for care experienced young people/ adults to come together.

We provide fun activities for them to tell you what is important to them, so you can improve the support they and others receive

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Care Experienced Youth Voice

We are.....

Care experienced young people between 10-25 years. Who come together, have a voice, create events to hear from more young people/adults. Share what young people want and be heard by key decision makers and professionals, who will act on what we say and positively change services to meet our needs.

Membership of the Children in Care Council (CiCC) for 10-16 year olds.

- Three young people in the same foster placement
- One young adult in supported housing (Young Leader for the group)
- One young person with SEND in a residential home (he is seen at his home to capture his views)

Membership of the Care Leavers Forum (CLF) for 16 - 25 year olds.

- One young adult in supported housing (same person who attends the CiCC)
- Care leaver who has a young child

The groups are supported by.....

- Kathy Peacock - Voice and Influence Manager
- Xavier Davies - Apprentice Youth Training & Development Officer
- Kelly Hammond - Independent Reviewing Officer (CiCC)

Over the last 3 months....

May

- Started to plan a Brunch event for other looked after young people
- Three of us went to the 'Big Bosses on the Spot' event



June

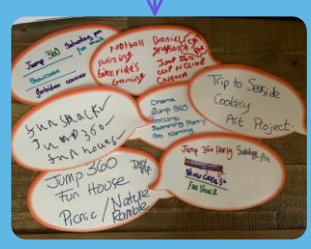
- We went to a Youth Voice meeting to hear what the Youth Council has planned and to learn about their 'Manifesto'
- One member of the CLF went to the Care leavers BBQ and promoted the group
- We invited Rachel Farnham to come to our group in July
- The CiCC had pizza to celebrate Alfie and Adam's birthdays
- We decided against going to FJYPB Conference in London
- One member of the CLF joined the 'Young Producers' group (meets weekly) to design a music event for all young people in Middlesbrough. Information about all the groups will be shared at this event



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July

- We held the CiCC Brunch. 15 young people came, nine foster carers and one residential support worker. The young people told us what else they would like to do
- Helped design the Communication and Language training session - first one will be delivered on the 27th July
- Ralph Jordinson from Digiwise (Middlesbrough Council) will come to the CiCC session to speak to them about a piece of work they have done with looked after young people and staying safe on line.
- Re-book Rachel Farnham as she was busy with the OFSTED inspection



Over the next 5 months we plan to

Summer Events

- CiCC/CLF collaboration with Pathways - Hold the Stepping Up Together event. We will promote the groups and the work planned
- 9th August - CiCC and CLF at the Beach
- 10th August - Possibly go to the the Climate Change Conference, Redcar and Cleveland College 10-3pm .
- Friday 2nd September - Picnic in Stuarts Park for All care experienced young people and **Corporate Parents**. **More information to follow**



Autumn/Winter

- Have a few more members join the groups
- Invite other senior decision makers and Corporate Members to our groups
- Work with Pathways to deliver sessions with Care leavers to look at the Local Offer
- Postcard feedback - asking care leavers about the support they get and what changes they would like
- Work with NEET care leavers to find out what they want re Training/Employment/Opportunities
- Continue deliver Communication and Language sessions
- Look at having specialised BBOTS sessions for care experienced young people
- Be part of the Middlesbrough Town Hall Takeover (see draft flyer)
- Design logo's for the groups
- Finalise our TOR for the groups and know what our budget is, so we can work out what we can afford to do
- Plan a Christmas party for looked after young people
- Plan a Celebration event/party for care leavers
- Have more fun as groups look at swimming/Flamingo Land/Climbing/Cinema

