

Report of:	The Mayor and Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health
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Submitted to:	Council
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Date:	29 November 2023
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Title:	Review of the Terms of Reference and Membership of the Corporate Parenting Board.
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Report for:	Decision
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Status:	Public
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Strategic priority:	Children and young people
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Key decision:	No
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Why:	Not applicable
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Urgent:	No
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Why:	Not urgent
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Executive summary

This report recommends that the Council formally agrees the terms of reference and name change of the Corporate Parenting Board.

The key reasons for this are:

- Corporate Parenting Board was reconstituted as a Council Committee on 16 January 2019, therefore any changes need to be formally approved by Council.
- Development of the Corporate Parenting Board means that the existing terms of reference do not align with the priorities set.
- The name of the Board is not child / young person friendly.

Purpose

1. To request members to approve the change of name and terms of reference to the Corporate Parenting Board.

Background and relevant information

2. Middlesbrough's Corporate Parenting Strategy sets out our vision and action for supporting children and young people in care. Our strategy is one important element of Children's Services wider Improvement Plan for our whole- system of support for children and young people in Middlesbrough.
3. Whilst Middlesbrough is doing some things well, we still need to do more to improve our support for children and young people in our care. The views and ideas of our staff, our partners and local people are critical to ensuring we have a strong and effective strategy in place. We are proud to say that our children and young people are making a significant contribution to making Middlesbrough Strategy work.
4. The development of our Corporate Parenting strategy has included a programme of work to capture the most up-to-date voices, views and ideas of our children and young people. As well as influencing the content of our strategy, children and young people have shaped our decisions about how we will deliver our Corporate Parenting responsibilities.

We have six guiding principles:

Your home

Your family and friends

Your Education

Your Adult life

Your health and wellbeing

Your voice and influence

5. Middlesbrough's mission throughout is to show Middlesbrough children that they matter.
6. 'We matter' Children in Care Council meet every fortnight at Easterside Hub and is open to all care experienced young people between the ages of 11-16 years.
7. The purpose of the group is to have fun, have a voice and create events to hear from their care experienced peers. The group share their views with key decision makers who act on what they say and positively change services to meet their needs.

8. The young people changed the name of their group from the Children in Care Council (CICC) to 'We matter' as they felt it was more reflective.
9. After some discussion with the young people, officers and the Mayor, a decision was made to recommend that the name of the Corporate Parenting be changed to 'You Matter to Us - The Corporate Parenting Board,' to align with the Children in Care Council name change and to reflect the young peoples' wishes.
10. The terms of reference of the Corporate Parenting Board were also asked to be developed, as the current ones are outdated. The terms of reference, also includes changes to the name of the Board.
11. The proposed terms of reference and membership is attached at Appendix 1.
12. The proposed name change and terms of reference were agreed by the Corporate Parenting Board on 13 September 2023. The report asks Council to formally agree the changes proposed.

What decision(s) are being recommended?

13. That Council approve the new name and terms of reference of the Corporate Parenting Board.

Rationale for the recommended decision(s)

14. As the Corporate Parenting Board is developing, the new terms of reference will align to the scope and strategic direction of the Board.

Other potential decision(s) and why these have not been recommended.

15. **Continue with the existing terms of reference.** As detailed above, there have been significant changes to the Board and the existing terms of reference do not align with Priorities.

Impact(s) of the recommended decision(s)

Legal

16. There are no legal implications arising from the contents of this report.

Strategic priorities and risks

17. Changing the name of the Board and remit positively contributes to the delivery of the below strategic objective:

Children and Young People	We will show Middlesbrough's children that they matter and work to make our town safe and welcoming and to improve outcomes for all children and young people.
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Human Rights, Equality and Data Protection

18. Children in Care and Care experienced young people would positively be affected by the decision.

Financial

19. There are no financial implications arising from the content of this report.

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

Action	Responsible Officer	Deadline
Amend the Terms of Reference on Modern Gov	Susie Blood	30 November 2023

Appendices

1	Proposed Terms of reference: Corporate Parenting Board.
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Background papers

1	Review of Constitution- Council- 16 January 2019.
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