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Report to: Full Council

Report title: Appointment to Corporate Parenting Board

Report from: Chief Executive

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Exempt by virtue of paragraph:

1. Executive Summary

1.1 To consider appointing four Members, to sit with the Cabinet Member for Children and Education on the Corporate Parenting Board.

2. Decision(s) Recommended

2.1 That Council appoint 4 Members to join the Cabinet Member for Children and Education to serve on the Corporate Parenting Board.

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3. Matters for Consideration

- 3.1 Solihull has established a Corporate Parenting Board to enable elected Members to ensure both children and young people looked after and those who have left care are enabled to meet their potential through the services and support that Solihull MBC and its partners offer. Members of the Board will review the effectiveness of the services offered by Solihull's Corporate Family and hold operational services to account.
- 3.2 The Corporate Parenting Board meets four times a year between 5.00pm to 6.30pm. The aim of the Board is to prioritise the needs of looked after children and young people and ensure the needs of this group are at the centre of what the Council does.
- 3.3 The appointments do not have to be politically balanced, but it would be helpful if a cross section of Members could be nominated. One of the 4 Members would also act as Vice-Chairman.
- 3.4 Going forward this will be an annual appointment which is made at Annual Council.

4. Reasons for recommending preferred option

- 4.1 For the Council to support the work of the Corporate Parenting Board. Member involvement would help provide a clear strategic and political direction and help underpin Member's duties as corporate parents.

5. Implications and Considerations

- 5.1 State how the proposals in this report contribute to the priorities in the [Council Plan](#):

Priority:	Contribution:
<p>People and Communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Improving outcomes for children and young people in Solihull.2. Good quality, responsive, and dignified care and support for Adults in Solihull when they need it.3. Take action to improve life chances and health outcomes in our most disadvantaged communities.4. Enable communities to thrive.	<p>To support looked after children and young people and ensure that this Group are at the centre of what the Council does.</p>
<p>Economy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">5. Develop and promote the borough's economy, with a focus on revitalising our town and local centres.	<p>NA</p>

Priority:	Contribution:
6. Maximising the opportunities of UK Central and HS2. 7. Increase the supply of affordable and social housing that is environmentally sustainable.	
Environment: 8. Enhance our natural environment, improve air quality and reduce net carbon emissions.	NA
9. Promote employee wellbeing	NA

5.2 Consultation and Scrutiny:

5.2.1 NA

5.3 Financial implications:

5.3.1 NA

5.4 Legal implications:

5.4.1 NA

5.5 Risk implications, including Risk Appetite:

5.5.1 NA

5.6 Equality implications:

5.6.1 NA

6. List of appendices referred to

6.1 Appendix A Draft Terms of Reference of the Corporate Parenting Board.

7. Background papers used to compile this report

7.1 None

8. List of Other Relevant Documents

8.1 None