

Solihull Corporate Parenting Board Terms of Reference

SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION AT BOARD IN JANUARY 2023

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.

Governance for this board will be through the Health and Wellbeing Board

Functions and remit of the Corporate Parenting Board

- To champion the needs of children in care and care experienced young people within the council and partner agencies
- To review and monitor the outcomes for children in care and care experienced young people
- To enable children in care and care experienced young people to have the opportunity to talk about issues relating to their own direct experiences of services they have received with a view to the CP Board making any recommendations for challenge / improvement
- To be the guardian of the Children's Services Business Plan in so much as it relates to children in care and care experienced young people.
- To undertake a monitoring role by receiving regular reports on the promises made to children in care and care experienced young people in The Promise
- To receive regular performance reports as outlined in the scorecard for children in care and care experienced young people
- To recognise the different needs of disabled children and unaccompanied asylum seeking young people
- To receive annual reports on the needs of children in care and care experienced young people and how these are responded to
- To review the local offer and ensure that it is frequently updated
- To meet with children in care and their carers on a regular basis to consult and celebrate achievements and successes
- To receive anonymised complaint reports with representation from the relevant team and understand how resolution has been reached in each case
- To recognise and celebrate the good practice of Solihull's Social workers
- To receive reports from; OVOS
 - Fostering and Adoption
 - Virtual School
 - UASC and 16+ team
 - Children in Care Team
 - Designated nurse for children looked after
- To raise the profile of the needs of children in care and care experienced young people by supporting events and activities
- To consider good practice in other Local Authorities and how we may implement new ideas

Meetings

The Corporate Parenting board will meet 4 times per year in order to undertake the above duties. Additional meetings may be added to support the board in meeting its duties.

Working groups of elected members and officers can be agreed and appointed by the Corporate Parenting Board to advise on matters within its remit. Leads for key corporate parenting responsibilities will be identified to take forward specific areas of work and report back to the Board.

Membership of the Corporate Parenting Board

- Cabinet Lead Member for Children's Services - Chair
- 4 x Councillors including one designated as vice chair.
- 3x Care experienced young people nominated from OVOS
- Foster Carers
- Assistant Director for Children and Families
- Assistant Director for Learning and Skills
- Assistant Director for Managed Growth
- Assistant Director Adults Social Care
- Head of Service Children in Care and Care Experienced Young People
- Head of Service Fostering and Residential Children's Homes
- Head of Children's Public Health
- Police Area Commander
- Virtual School Head Teacher
- Designated Nurse –looked after children
- Senior Designated Nurse
- Ambition to have representative from local business (in response to the care leavers covenant)

The Chair of the Corporate Parenting Board will be the Lead member for Children's Services.

A substitute member may be appointed for each political group as appropriate to attend in the absence of the substantive board member.

The Chief Executive for Solihull MBC will have a standing invitation to attend meetings of the board