

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION**

*To:* **Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee**

*Meeting Date:* **13 June 2018**

*From:* **Claire Betteridge and Jacqui Barry  
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*Electoral division(s):* **All**

*Purpose:* **To provide an update on participation of young people with the  
Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee.**

*Recommendation:* **To note and comment on the update regarding the Participation  
Team and steps to involve young people within the Sub-  
Committee.**

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### **Summary:**

- *Two Looked After young people are Co-Opted members of the Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee.*
- *They are also part of the Children in Care Council and will seek out the views of the wider Looked After population in a variety of ways, and feed these into the Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee as appropriate.*
- *The Participation Service has two new strategic leads. Two participation workers have been appointed and are due to start shortly.*
- *The Participation groups 'Just Us' will recommence when the participation workers are in post.*

## **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 It was agreed by the Sub-Committee that they should involve young people directly in order to facilitate exchange of views. In addition the Sub-Committee requested an update on wider participation activities at each of its meetings.

## **2. MAIN ISSUES**

### **2.1 Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee**

Two young people were co-opted at the April 2018 meeting as planned. We are looking to confirm a third and fourth young person who will act as substitutes in accordance with the Terms of Reference. This approach will allow the young people to share the workload with two of the four young people attending each meeting.

The young people will be offered support with preparing for meetings and this will be provided through the Participation Team.

The plan is that after each meeting the young people will write a brief update to share with other young people so that they know what was discussed.

These young people will all also be members of the Voices Matter Group (Children in Care Council) and act as champions to take views to and from other young people. The group will have an agreed work plan and link with the work of the Committee. Cllr every, the Chairman of the Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee, will be invited to these meetings. The meeting planned for the 15 May 2018 was cancelled as the young people involved were busy doing end of year exams. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on the 17 July 2018.

### **2.2 Update on Participation Service**

As highlighted previously the Participation Service which involves young people in services has recently had a change in management. Jacqui Barry and Claire Betteridge are now the strategic leads for the service.

We have successfully recruited two participation workers and we anticipate that they will be in post by early June 2018.

As part of these changes, plans for the future role of the service will be developed with young people, senior managers and committee members over the next few months.

The annual fun day is planned to take place on the 1 August 2018 and will be held at Witchford Village Hall and Sports Field. The event which is called "Picnic in the Park", will have a number of activities for children, young people and their carers to participate in, which includes a ball pool, giant jenga, a bouncy castle, crazy golf and arts and crafts. There will also be a "Bake Off" competition. We are asking that everyone brings a picnic but refreshments will be provided in terms of tea, coffee and squash. All members of the Council's Children and Young People Committee and Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee have been invited to attend as well as the Area Champions.

Future events will be planned with the voices matter group

### **3. SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS**

#### **3.1 Resource Implications**

The cost of the annual fun day is being supported by the service. Previously the service has obtained a contribution from the Outlook Fund, an organisation which gives funding for projects on application. Due to staffing changes no application was submitted this time, but officers will look to apply for funding for other events in the future.

#### **3.2 Procurement/Contractual/Council Contract Procedure Rules Implications**

NA

#### **3.3 Statutory, Legal and Risk Implications**

N/A

#### **3.4 Equality and Diversity Implications**

Not immediately but there will be a need to ensure equitable representation.

#### **3.5 Engagement and Communications Implications**

Not immediately but we will need to communicate and engage as the work develops.

#### **3.6 Localism and Local Member Involvement**

At this point Member involvement will be via the Sub-Committee but there may be more specific projects that emerge as the work develops.

#### **3.7 Public Health Implications**

N/A

### **SOURCE DOCUMENTS**

Source Documents	Location
N/A	

