

3. Children and Young People Policy and Service Committee

Membership

Fifteen members of the Council. The chair and vice-chair of the committee shall be appointed by Full Council.

One Church of England diocesan representative and one Roman Catholic diocesan representative shall be co-opted as non-elected members with voting rights on:

- (a) Matters which relate to schools maintained by the local authority; and
- (b) Matters which relate to pupils who are educated in schools maintained by the local education authority, or who are educated by the local education authority otherwise than at school.

The Chair of the Children and Young People Committee will be designated the Lead Councillor for Children and Young People's Services in accordance with Section 19 of the Children Act 2004.

Summary of Functions

This committee has delegated authority to exercise all the Council's functions, save those reserved to Full Council, relating to the delivery, by or on behalf of, the County Council, of services relating to children and young people ensuring that they contribute to improvements in health outcomes and reduction in health inequalities. These include:

- (a) Child protection
- (b) Children's centres
- (c) Education, schools and settings
- (d) Children in care and leaving care
- (e) Mental health services
- (f) Safeguarding
- (g) Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND)
- (h) Youth Offending Services
- (i) Youth services
- (j) Social and Education Transport

Delegated Authority	Delegation/Condition
Authority for exercising management, oversight and delivery of services to children and young people in relation to their care, wellbeing, education or health, with the exception of any powers reserved to Full Council.	
Authority for the functions and powers conferred on or exercisable by the County Council as local authority in relation to the provision of education.	
Authority for working with all schools including academies in relation to raising standards of attainment and developing opportunities.	
Authority for exercising management, oversight and delivery of Learning Outside of the Classroom and environmental education.	
Authority for exercising management, oversight and delivery of Early Years services, including children's centres.	
Authority for exercising management, oversight and delivery of Enhanced and Preventative Services and Children's Social Care.	
Authority for exercising management, oversight and delivery of the Youth Offending Service.	
Authority to take decisions relating to exercising management, oversight and the delivery of all the Council's public health services for children and their communities.	
Authority for approval of all strategies associated with the committee portfolio area that are not reserved to Full Council.	
Authority to nominate representatives to outside bodies other than the Combined Authority, Greater Cambridge Partnership, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority, the County Councils Network Council and the Local Government Association.	
<p>The making of arrangements in relation to appeals against the exclusion of pupils from maintained schools.</p> <p>(Section 52 of the Education Act 2002, appeals against exclusion of pupils))</p>	Delegated to the Executive Director: People Services

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<p>The making of arrangements for admissions appeals. (Section 94(1), (1A) and (4) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998).</p>	<p>Delegated to the Executive Director: People Services</p>
<p>The making of arrangements for appeals by governing bodies (Section 95(2) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (children to whom section 87 applies)).</p>	<p>Delegated to the Executive Director: People Services</p>
<p>Authority to contribute to the Council's duties relating to public health by assessing the health implications of decisions, seeking synergies and avoiding harmful health impacts, in order to improve population health and health equity.</p>	
<p>Authority to assist the Director of Public Health in the exercise of the public health statutory duties set out in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Health and Social Care Act 2012 (ii) NHS Bodies and Local Authorities (Partnership Arrangements, Care Trusts, Public Health and Local Healthwatch) Regulations 2012 (iii) NHS Act 2006 	

3.1 Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee

The Children and Young People Committee shall establish a Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee with the following membership and powers:

Membership

Any five members (including substitutes) of the Children and Young People Committee, subject to political proportionality. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the sub-committee shall be selected and appointed by the Children and Young People Committee.

Two non-voting co-opted young people with recent (within the last five years), direct experience of being looked after by, or receiving services as a care leaver from Cambridgeshire County Council. The usual rules for substitution as set out in the Council Procedure Rules shall apply.

Summary of Functions

The sub-committee has delegated authority to exercise all the Council's functions relating to the delivery, by or on behalf of, the County Council, of corporate parenting functions with the exception of policy decisions which will remain with the Children and Young People's Committee.

Delegated Authority	Delegation/Condition
Authority for exercising management, oversight and delivery of services to looked after children and care leavers in relation to their care, wellbeing, education and health, including delivery of the Council's Pledge to Looked After Children.	
Authority for the functions and powers conferred on or exercisable by the County Council as the local authority in relation to corporate parenting operational matters, excluding policy decisions.	
Authority for working with the Virtual School in relation to raising standards of attainment and developing education, employment and training opportunities for looked after children, former looked after children and care leavers.	

<p>Authority for exercising management, oversight and delivery of services to looked after children, former looked after children and care leavers including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) District and countywide Early Help and social work services; (ii) Fostering and adoption services; (iii) Commissioning of external services; (iv) Residential and outreach services; (v) Contact services. 	
<p>Authority for ensuring mechanisms for consultation and participation are positively promoted for looked after children and care leavers and that the Council actively listens and responds to the views and experiences of these children and young people, including those with disabilities and very young children.</p>	
<p>Authority to receive regular reports on the provision of services for looked after children and care leavers – as required in legislation and fulfilling the purpose of monitoring and offering advice.</p>	
<p>Authority for working with the Integrated Care Board and health providers to ensure delivery of services to meet health needs including health assessments and plans, emotional health, sexual health, substance misuse and teenage pregnancy.</p>	