

CORPORATE PARENTING SUB-COMMITTEE: TERMS OF REFERENCE

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 Chairman/woman and Vice-Chairman/woman 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.

Overview 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 Local Authority in relation to Corporate Parenting operational matters excluding policy decisions	

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<p>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>	
<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"> • District and Countywide Early Help and Social work services • Fostering and adoption services • Commissioning of external services • Residential and outreach services • 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 Clinical Commissioning Group 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>	