

CHANGES TO THE CONSITUTION REQUIRED FOR CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL

6.1 Corporate Parenting Panel

Membership

1. The County Councillor membership of the Corporate Parenting Panel will follow the rules of proportionality and be determined by the County Council on an annual basis.
2. The Panel will comprise of 7 voting Members of Lincolnshire County Council, 3 of which ideally will be District Councillors or have a strong link with districts to enable these views to be represented.
3. Four non-voting representatives will be invited to every meeting: two Foster Carer representatives and two care-experienced representatives.
4. Additional members will be appointed to attend up to two thematic meetings per year in relation to their area of expertise or portfolio. The list below is not exhaustive but gives examples of the partners that will be requested to attend. These members do not have voting rights, but are invited to fully participate in the meeting:
 - Lincolnshire NHS Foundation Trust
 - ICB
 - LPFT (Mental Health)
 - Community Health
 - Acute Trust
 - Relevant Portfolio Holders and Scrutiny Chairs
 - Virtual School
 - Learning Partnership
 - Leaving Care Service
 - Further Education providers
 - Lincolnshire Police
 - Probation Service
 - Youth Offending
 - Lincoln Prison
 - WAWY
 - NACRO
 - District Councils
 - Supported Living Providers

- DWP

~~Five additional members may also be appointed to the Panel in the following categories:~~

- ~~• one Representative of the V4C the Children in Care Council~~
- ~~• one Lincolnshire Community Health Services NHS Trust representative~~
- ~~• one Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust representative~~
- ~~two Foster Carers~~

Chairman and Vice Chairman

5. At its first meeting in each municipal year, the Corporate Parenting Panel will elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman from the County Councillor membership of the Panel.

Quorum

6. The quorum of the Corporate Parenting Panel will be three, ~~with at least one of the county council Corporate Parenting Panel members in attendance~~ Elected Members.

Replacement

7. Replacement members will be permitted on the Corporate Parenting Panel.

Meetings

8. The Corporate Parenting Panel will meet ~~in public~~ up to six times a year and as otherwise required, four of which will have a thematic focus:

- Health and Wellbeing
- Education, Training, Employment and Careers
- Crime and Disorder
- Housing and Accommodation

9. Meetings will be held at County Offices in Lincoln.

10. All attendees will receive paperwork five clear working days in advance of each meeting and minutes will be published after the event.

Terms of Reference

11. The Corporate Parenting Panel is authorised to undertake the following activities:-

- Ensure that all Councillors and Lincolnshire County Council

Directorates are fulfilling their roles and responsibilities as corporate parents proactively. This will involve the Corporate Parenting Panel organising specific education and training events for all eCouncillors to ensure they are equipped with the knowledge and skills to be corporate parents.

- Provide clear strategic and political direction and agree clear actions and accountability in relation to corporate parenting and for Members to utilise their skills, knowledge and influence to be active in creating tangible differences for the young people in care.
 - Investigate on behalf of all Councillors ways in which the role of corporate parenting can be improved, using examples from other local authorities and countries.
 - Ensure that Councillors undertake their annual programme of visits to children's homes.
 - Ensure that the needs of children and young people in public care and their carers are prioritised by Councillors and officers.
 - Receive quarterly reporting of key performance indicators relating to children and young people in public care.
 - Receive regular and/or annual reports on the level and quality of services to children and young people in public care from:
 - the Children's Services Directorate;
 - other Directorates;
 - and organisations. Senior leaders from key partners who share the Corporate Parenting responsibility.
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- Monitor the performance, quality and outcomes of the Council's services in relation to children and young people in public care and identify any areas for improvement.
 - Engage with children and young people who are in public care or have left care by inviting them to act as advisers to the Corporate Parenting Panel.
 - Listen to the views of children, young people and their carers and to involve them in the assessment and development of services.
 - Champion the provision of Council based work placements and Apprenticeships for looked after young people.
 - Promote achievement and acknowledge the aspirations of children and young people in public care by supporting celebration events.
 - Meet with Ofsted inspectors where appropriate for their input into inspections.
 - Participate as members of the adoption and fostering panels.
 - Agree a work plan, reviewing progress, membership of the Panel and attainment of its role and terms of reference.
 - Report back formally on these matters in writing to full Council at least annually and more frequently as the Corporate Parenting Panel considers necessary.

COMPOSITION OF OTHER GROUPS

Corporate Parenting Panel	7 Councillors – Politically inclusive (+5 non-voting members as set out in Article 6.11)
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5. CHAIRMEN OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES, SCRUTINY PANELS AND SCRUTINY SUB GROUPS

- (A) The County Council will appoint the Chairmen and the Vice-Chairmen of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees from amongst the Councillors sitting on the relevant Committee, except for the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire.
- (B) The Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire will appoint its own Chairman and Vice-Chairman.
- (C) The County Council will appoint the Chairmen and the Vice-Chairmen of the Scrutiny Panels.
- (D) The Chairmen and the Vice-Chairmen of the Corporate Parenting ~~Sub-Group~~Panel and the Safeguarding Boards Scrutiny Sub-Group will be appointed by the respective Sub-Group at its first meeting in each municipal year.