

Notice of Corporate Parenting Board



Date: Monday, 16 December 2024 at 5.00 pm

Venue: Royal Hampshire Committee Room, BCP Civic Centre, Bournemouth
BH2 6DY

Membership:

Chairman:

Cllr R Burton

Vice Chairman:

Cllr C Adams

Cllr S Mackrow
Cllr A-M Moriarty
Cathi Hadley
Nicole Mills

Louise Harris-Smith
Kelly Deane
Education Representative
Foster Carer Representative

Insight Representative
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Unite Representative
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All Members of the Corporate Parenting Board are summoned to attend this meeting to consider the items of business set out on the agenda below.

If you would like any further information on the items to be considered at the meeting please contact: Claire Johnston - 01202 123663 email claire.johnston@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

Press enquiries should be directed to the Press Office: Tel: 01202 454668 or email press.office@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

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Please note that due to the sensitive nature of information being considered by this Board this meeting is not open to the public.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

2 December 2024

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Maintaining and promoting high standards of conduct

Declaring interests at meetings

Familiarise yourself with the Councillor Code of Conduct which can be found in Part 6 of the Council's Constitution.

Before the meeting, read the agenda and reports to see if the matters to be discussed at the meeting concern your interests



What are the principles of bias and pre-determination and how do they affect my participation in the meeting?

Bias and predetermination are common law concepts. If they affect you, your participation in the meeting may call into question the decision arrived at on the item.

Bias Test

In all the circumstances, would it lead a fair minded and informed observer to conclude that there was a real possibility or a real danger that the decision maker was biased?

Predetermination Test

At the time of making the decision, did the decision maker have a closed mind?

If a councillor appears to be biased or to have predetermined their decision, they must NOT participate in the meeting.

For more information or advice please contact the Monitoring Officer
(janie.berry@bcpcouncil.gov.uk)

Selflessness

Councillors should act solely in terms of the public interest

Integrity

Councillors must avoid placing themselves under any obligation to people or organisations that might try inappropriately to influence them in their work. They should not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends. They must declare and resolve any interests and relationships

Objectivity

Councillors must act and take decisions impartially, fairly and on merit, using the best evidence and without discrimination or bias

Accountability

Councillors are accountable to the public for their decisions and actions and must submit themselves to the scrutiny necessary to ensure this

Openness

Councillors should act and take decisions in an open and transparent manner. Information should not be withheld from the public unless there are clear and lawful reasons for so doing

Honesty & Integrity

Councillors should act with honesty and integrity and should not place themselves in situations where their honesty and integrity may be questioned

Leadership

Councillors should exhibit these principles in their own behaviour. They should actively promote and robustly support the principles and be willing to challenge poor behaviour wherever it occurs

AGENDA

1. Apologies

To receive any apologies for absence for the meeting.

2. Substitute Members

To receive information on any changes in the membership of the Committee.

Note – When a member of a Committee is unable to attend a meeting of a Committee or Sub-Committee, the relevant Political Group Leader (or their nominated representative) may, by notice to the Monitoring Officer (or their nominated representative) prior to the meeting, appoint a substitute member from within the same Political Group. The contact details on the front of this agenda should be used for notifications.

3. Declarations of Interests

Councillors are requested to declare any interests on items included in this agenda. Please refer to the workflow on the preceding page for guidance.

Declarations received will be reported at the meeting.

Any other members of the Board may declare an interest for the purpose of transparency.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

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To confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting held on 30 September 2024

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

5. Young Persons Voice - Housing (Icebreaker)

Verbal Report

Insight/Unite and the Participation team will lead a discussion item on a topic selected by young people.

6. Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO) Annual Report 24/25 and Summary

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The IRO annual report sets out information in respect of BCPs Children in Care and the performance of the IRO Service. The summary gives a short overview of service progression and areas for development going forward.

7. Children in Care in the Youth Justice System

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Children in care are over-represented in the national and local youth justice systems, both in terms of numbers entering the justice system and among those who are detained in custody. Information about the numbers of Children in Care in the local youth justice system is included in section 1.

There is a local multi-agency protocol to reduce the criminalisation of children in care. The scope and implementation of this protocol is summarised in section 1, along with other measures to reduce the numbers of children in care entering the justice system.

Section 2 includes analysis of the needs of Children in Care in the justice system. The Youth Justice Service provides a multi-disciplinary response, in partnership with other services, to reduce the risk of further offending and to avoid the use of custodial remands and sentences. The impact of a custodial sentence is considered in section 2.

8. Feedback from LGA Peer Review and Action Plan

Verbal
Report

The Director of Corporate Parenting & Permanence would lead a discussion on this issue following the last meeting.

9. Forward Plan

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To consider and amend the Board's Forward Plan as appropriate.

10. Future Meeting Dates

The Board is asked to note the future dates arranged for meetings of the Board as follows:

Monday 17 March 2025 – 5.00pm - 7.00pm
Monday 16 June 2025 – 5.00pm - 7.00pm
Monday 29 September 2025 – 5.00pm - 7.00pm
Monday 15 December 2025 – 5.00pm - 7.00pm
Monday 16 March 2026 – 5.00pm – 7.00pm

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The following items are for information for Corporate Parenting Board members. There will not be time allocated at the meeting for discussion of these items but if anyone has any questions or comments these should be sent to democratic.services@bcpcouncil.gov.uk by Wednesday 11 December.

11. Children in Care/Care Experienced Young People Data and Analysis Report

To Follow

12. Children's Services Compliments and Complaints Annual Report 2023-2024

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No other items of business can be considered unless the Chairman decides the matter is urgent for reasons that must be specified and recorded in the Minutes.