

Council:	Full Council
Report Title	Corporate Parenting Annual Report: 2023 - 2024
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Wards Affected	(All Wards)
Appendices (if any)	1. Corporate Parenting Annual Report 2023 – 2024

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Corporate Parenting Annual Report 2023-2024 focuses on the priorities of the Corporate Parenting Board for the Children We Care For (CWCF) and Care Experienced Young People (CEYP). This includes highlights on CWCF and CEYP data, the voice of the child, education, skills, employment and training, physical health, emotional wellbeing and mental health, life and memory work, access to services, preparation for adulthood, and separated migrant young people.

2 Recommendations

The Council is recommended to: -

- 2.1 Approve the Corporate Parenting Board Constitution as set out in Appendix A.
- 2.2 Consider and comment on the Corporate Parenting Board (CPB) Annual Report 2023–2024 and to provide any further recommendations arising from its content.

3 Proposals – Reasons for the recommendations

- 3.1 The CPB's Annual Report 2023 to 2024 provides an analysis of the effectiveness of the CPB's multiagency and extended members in delivering improved outcomes for Sandwell's CWCF and CEYP.
- 3.2 The time period that is covered by the data included in the report varies based on the source of the data, this is due to it's availability and publishing timeframe. Education: September 2023- July 2024, Social Care: April 2023 – March 2024 and mental health and emotional wellbeing: April 2023 – February 2024

- 3.3 The CPB annual report previously covered the municipal year (March to April) however it was agreed by the Board that it would be realigned to cover the academic year (September to August).
- 3.4 The CPB is accountable to the Council. As such, any amendments to the constitution of the Board must be approved by Full Council.
- 3.5 The Corporate Parenting Board assists the Council in fulfilling its legal obligations and responsibilities towards children in care and children leaving care, under the Children Act 1989 and Children (Leaving Care) Act 2000.
- 3.6 A consistent and clear constitution provides a strong governance framework to the Board to enable members to carry out their responsibilities in an effective and efficient manner.

4. Alternative Options Considered

- 4.1 There are no alternative options, the Corporate Parenting Annual report has been carefully reviewed with no other feasible alternative options.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 The Corporate Parenting Board worked closely to produce the CPB Annual Report, with contributions from key partners including Sandwell Children's Trust, the Designated Nurse for the CWCF, and the Executive Head of the Virtual School. Both CWCF and CEYP reviewed the content and confirmed that it reflects their views and priorities. This joint approach demonstrates strong collaboration and shared responsibility in supporting our children and young people.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no financial implications of this report.

7. Legal and Governance Implications

- 7.1 The Corporate Parenting annual report 2023 -2024 ensures the CPB and partnership continue to deliver the key seven Statutory Corporate Parenting principles

8. Risks

- 8.1 There is no requirement to engage crime and disorder policies or risk assessment methods because of this report.

9. Equality and Diversity Implications (including the public sector equality duty)

- 9.1 An equality impact assessment is not required.

10. Other Relevant Implications

- 10.1 **Corporate parenting** – The Corporate Parenting Annual Report is aligned to our upcoming Corporate Parenting Strategy 2025 - 2028 and supports the objectives and priorities for improving outcomes for CWCF and CEYP.
- 10.2 **Health and Wellbeing** – The strategy incorporates the Healthy Child Programme which includes health promotion, early childhood development, and addressing health disparities among children and young people living in the borough.

11. Background Documents

- 11.1 Sandwell Corporate Parenting Annual Report 2023-2024

12. How does this deliver the objectives of the Strategic Themes?

- 12.1 **Growing up in Sandwell** - The CPB Annual Report 2023 – 2024 supports a partnership approach seeking to improve outcomes for all of the CWCF and CEYP.
- 12.1 **Living in Sandwell** - The CPB Annual Report 2023 – 2024 supports our Corporate Parenting commitment to addressing barriers to access and striving to create an accessible community offer for all CWCF and CEYP.
- 12.2 **Healthy in Sandwell** - The CPB Annual Report 2023-2024 supports our Corporate Parenting commitment to improving health outcomes for our CWCF and CEYP.
- 12.2 **One Council one Team Approach** – The CPB Annual Report 2023-2024 strategy supports our Corporate Parenting commitment as outstanding Corporate Parents.