

**CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD**

**25 April 2016**

**CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**Report of the Head of Looked After Children**

**1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To propose a new operating model and Terms of Reference for the Corporate Parenting Board.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 Following changes required by Ofsted in relation to the role of corporate parents within Sunderland City Council, it was felt necessary to update operating arrangements and Terms of Reference for the Board to provide further clarity on the function of the Corporate Parenting Board meeting.

**3. Sunderland City Council's Corporate Parenting Board Terms of Reference**

- 3.1 The attached Corporate Parenting Board Terms of Reference has been prepared to provide you with information which will allow you to carry out your responsibilities as a corporate parent. It sets out a proposed change in approach to how the Corporate Parenting Board should function along with Governance arrangements, which will require Council to re-constitute the Board outside the formal Council Committee structure:
- 3.2 The Terms of Reference will be reviewed annually as part of the Corporate Parenting Board function.

**4. Recommendations**

- 4.1 The Corporate Parenting Board is invited to:
- Read and make any comments or suggestions in relation to the Terms of Reference for the Corporate Parenting Board; and
  - Recommend to Council that the Board be re-constituted outside the formal Council Committee structure.

