

CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD

10 October 2016

CORPORATE PARENTING TRAINING

Report of the Senior Organisational Development Consultant

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To give an understanding to session planning in relation to the Corporate Parenting training for Councillors.

2. Introduction/Background

- 2.1 We have a legal and moral duty to try to provide the kind of loyal support that any good parents would give to their children. We should do our utmost to make sure that children in our care get a good start in life. **(Dobson 1998)**
- 2.2 However, whilst every elected member is, by definition, a corporate parent, not all elected members will have the same knowledge and involvement.

3. Main Body of the Report

- 3.1 Our aim for the training is to create a stepped program with sessions based on the needs and outcomes from the feedback we receive during and after our opening workshops.
- 3.2 The first part of the program is to give participants an understanding of the Young Persons journey through our service areas in Sunderland. The first session will have speakers from each area giving an overview of the journey, and the difficulties that may be encountered along the way. **(see appendix 1)**
- 3.3 We will hear from our young people who have experienced a 'journey' and councillors will be able to hear from them and also have the opportunity to ask questions related to this.
- 3.4 From this we will develop further sessions from the feedback of the councillors to add to specific development areas, creating a structured plan for further workshops looking at the areas in support of service and personal development.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 The Corporate Parenting Board is recommended to attend introductory sessions to listen to the journey of the Children and Young People through our service areas in Sunderland.

Workshop dates – 24th October, Sandhill Centre, 5.30pm – 7.30pm
10th November, Sandhill Centre, 5.30pm – 7.30pm

- 4.2 The Corporate Parenting Board is recommended to attend the awareness sessions developed from the feedback received and supplemented with the specific development areas we feel need to be included in the development of the corporate parent.