




REPORT AUTHOR:	Nikki Donaldson, Participation and Engagement Officer
SUBJECT:	Together for Children’s Change Council Report for Corporate Parenting Board 7th March 2022
PURPOSE:	To report on the activity of both Change Council 10-15 group and Change Council 16+ group (Jan 2021 – Feb 2022)

Change Council have continued to meet regularly face to face throughout Jan 2022 – Feb 2022. Change Council are meeting in their designated space, both Change Council’s 10-15 and 16+ group are meeting fortnightly.

Activity	What’s Working Well?	What’s Not Working So Well?	What needs to happen?
Scrutiny members attended Change Council Elected members attended Change Council	Elected members attended Change Council to speak to us following a Change Council representative attending a Scrutiny meeting. We discussed issues we felt were important to us. Elected members agreed they would look at what was discussed and arrange to come again to discuss feedback.		Elected members to attend Change Council again. Agree how often this should be. Nikki to arrange with Change Council and Elected members future dates. Elected members to come to 10-15yrs Change Council.

<p>Recruitment and Selection We formed an interview panel with a mix from both of our groups.</p>	<p>We spent some time looking at the interview process and created questions to interview the new Director of Children's Social Care. A young person's panel made up from both Change Council groups were part of the interview process.</p>		<p>Panel was informed who the new Director of Children's Social Care is. Both Change Council groups have been made aware of who the new Director of Children's Social Care is.</p>
<p>Care Day 2022 Care Day is the world's largest celebration of the rights of children and young people with care experience.</p> 	<p>Two drop in sessions were held at Sandhill giving young people an opportunity to spend some time together and professionals to drop in and chat with our young people.</p>	<p>Care Day was on a Friday 18th Feb when young people are at school/college/work etc.</p>	<p>Continue to celebrate Care Day and get more ideas from young people on how they would like to celebrate next year.</p>

Planned work for Jan – Jun 2022:

- Drive forward the Change the Language campaign, including working group and workshops.
- Corporate Parenting Introduction training and support the development of the corporate parenting strategy.
- Foster Care Fortnight – Key project
- Children's Home's Fortnight – Key project
- Recruitment and Selection training
- Engage young people in enriching activities to celebrate their hard work and increase engagement.
- Consult and involve more cared for and care experienced children and young people.