



**Health and Wellbeing Board
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Shropshire Corporate Parenting Strategy 2014-2016 – for information

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1. Summary

- 1.1 Appendix A is Shropshire Council's Corporate Parenting Strategy. This strategy outlines key considerations and plans for Shropshire Council and its partners in our role as corporate parents of children in care and those leaving care.
- 1.2 Corporate Parenting is the term used for the collective responsibility of the Council and its partners to ensure safe, meaningful and effective protection of children and young people in care, and care leavers.
- 1.3 For Corporate Parenting to be effective it needs a commitment from all elected members and council employees in a council-wide approach. It involves the whole council and its partners acting as a good parent, committing resources and working together to improve the lives of all children and young people in care and care leavers. It is about prioritising their needs, listening to what they want and supporting them to make the most of their lives
- 1.4 We look forward to a shared responsibility across sectors in our efforts to continuously improve outcomes for children and young people as outlined in The Shropshire Pledge for Children in Care and Leaving Care (see Appendix A).
- 1.5 A Corporate Parenting Panel will be chaired by the Lead Member for Children and Young People, and will meet quarterly. Membership will consist of Councillors, Director of Children Services, Head of Service for Children Services, Senior Officers, Children and Young People in and leaving care, and partner agencies such as Health and Police. The involvement of young people on the Panel will be essential to inform current and future priorities and decisions relating to children in care. The panel will set the priorities with and for children in care and monitor \ scrutinise service delivery and establish reporting mechanisms to seek to ensure that corporate parenting arrangements are effective.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the HWBB note the contents of the corporate parenting strategy and consider strategic and operational alignment with the HWB strategy and individual board member organisation's strategies and operations.

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3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

(NB This will include the following: Risk Management, Human Rights, Equalities, Community, Environmental consequences and other Consultation)

4. Financial Implications

4.1 There are no direct financial considerations as part of this report.

5. Background

See attached Appendix

6. Additional Information

See attached Appendix

7. Conclusions

See attached Appendix

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)
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Appendices