

CORPORATE PARENTING

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 Argyll and Bute's Corporate Parenting Board has developed a process to communicate with staff, young people and carers. The newsletter published by the Corporate Parenting Board is a method of communicating the activity of the board in an easily accessible manner and is presented to the Community Services Committee in this format as an annual report.

1.2 Recommendation

The report recommends Community Services Committee note the contents of the newsletter which is to be circulated to children, young people, carers and staff.

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2.0 INTRODUCTION

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3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Community Services Committee to note the contents of the newsletter prior to publication.

4.0 DETAIL

- 4.1 In 2014 Argyll and Bute established the Corporate Parenting Board. The Board is made up of senior officers from public services, Who Cares? Scotland, four Area Children's Champions who are Elected Members and is chaired by the Policy Lead for Health, Social Care and Integration - Councillor Devon. The Board meets twice a year and delivers on the actions outlined in the Integrated Children's Services Plan to improve life chances for looked after children and young people.
- 4.2 Originally the board involved young people who were ex-care leavers from Argyll and Bute, however, feedback from the young people is that the format of the meeting meant it was not easy for them to participate. Argyll and Bute's Corporate Parenting Board put in place a schedule of activities which the Board members participate in throughout the year. These activities give members the opportunity to engage with children, young people, carers and staff to see how the Board can make a difference to looked after children's lives.
- 4.3 The Board has created a DVD and a newsletter to communicate with staff, carers and looked after children and young people. The newsletter is written by the Chair of the Board, Councillor Devon and published twice a year. The newsletter and DVD will be posted on the Council's website.

5.0 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The report outlines the Corporate Parenting Board's process for engaging with young people and carers, it also asks DMT to note the contents of the Corporate Parenting Board newsletter.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Policy – to promote the delivery of the Integrated Children's Service Plan
- 6.2 Financial - none
- 6.3 Legal - none
- 6.4 HR - none
- 6.5 Equalities - none
- 6.6 Risk - none
- 6.7 Customer Service – the newsletter is in a more accessible format for its intended audience

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Argyll & Bute's Corporate Parenting Board Newsletter