

Agenda

Corporate Parenting Board

Thursday, 8 February 2018, 2.00 pm
County Hall, Worcester

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DISCLOSING INTERESTS

There are now 2 types of interests:
'Disclosable pecuniary interests' and **'other disclosable interests'**

WHAT IS A 'DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST' (DPI)?

- Any **employment**, office, trade or vocation carried on for profit or gain
- **Sponsorship** by a 3rd party of your member or election expenses
- Any **contract** for goods, services or works between the Council and you, a firm where you are a partner/director, or company in which you hold shares
- Interests in **land** in Worcestershire (including licence to occupy for a month or longer)
- **Shares** etc (with either a total nominal value above £25,000 or 1% of the total issued share capital) in companies with a place of business or land in Worcestershire.

NB Your DPIs include the interests of your spouse/partner as well as you

WHAT MUST I DO WITH A DPI?

- **Register** it within 28 days and
- **Declare** it where you have a DPI in a matter at a particular meeting
 - you must **not participate** and you **must withdraw**.

NB It is a criminal offence to participate in matters in which you have a DPI

WHAT ABOUT 'OTHER DISCLOSABLE INTERESTS'?

- No need to register them but
- You must **declare** them at a particular meeting where:
You/your family/person or body with whom you are associated have a **pecuniary interest** in or **close connection** with the matter under discussion.

WHAT ABOUT MEMBERSHIP OF ANOTHER AUTHORITY OR PUBLIC BODY?

You will not normally even need to declare this as an interest. The only exception is where the conflict of interest is so significant it is seen as likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest.

DO I HAVE TO WITHDRAW IF I HAVE A DISCLOSABLE INTEREST WHICH ISN'T A DPI?

Not normally. You must withdraw only if it:

- affects your **pecuniary interests OR** relates to a **planning or regulatory** matter
- **AND** it is seen as likely to **prejudice your judgement** of the public interest.

DON'T FORGET

- If you have a disclosable interest at a meeting you must **disclose both its existence and nature** – 'as noted/recorded' is insufficient
- **Declarations must relate to specific business** on the agenda
 - General scattergun declarations are not needed and achieve little
- Breaches of most of the **DPI provisions** are now **criminal offences** which may be referred to the police which can on conviction by a court lead to fines up to £5,000 and disqualification up to 5 years
- Formal **dispensation** in respect of interests can be sought in appropriate cases.

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Membership: Mr A C Roberts (Chairman), Cllr Joe Baker, Mr M Bayliss, Ms N Gale, Ms P A Hill, Mrs L C Hodgson, Dr C Hotham, Mrs F M Oborski, Cllr. Gerry O'Donnell, Mrs J A Potter, Cllr Margaret Sherrey and Mr David Watkins

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Consultation with Looked After Children

Sally Branchflower
SQA Manager

Consultation event

- Linked closely with Sally Clewes and her team
- Team designed a poster for an activity morning
- Invites went out and we had a very good response
- We ordered craft supplies and booked PYPC as the venue

IRO

AUTUMN

Activities

We invite you to an Autumn Activities workshop for looked after children, young people and your carers on the

25th October 2017

10am till 12:30pm

at Perdiswell Young People's Centre,

Perdiswell Park, Droitwich Rd, Worcester WR3 7SN.



This is a chance for you to meet you Independent Reviewing officer and have lots of fun with autumn themed craft activities.

There will be a variety of activities available for all ages:

- Painting
- Pumpkin Carving
- Nature art
- Biscuit decorating
- Sensory games
- Lots more crafts and fun
- There will be refreshments provided.



If you would like to come along please contact the Youth Voice Team either Sally, Ali or Celena on

01905 846498 or email on youthvoiceteam@worcestershire.gov.uk

Please RSVP by the 13th October for a place on the Workshop

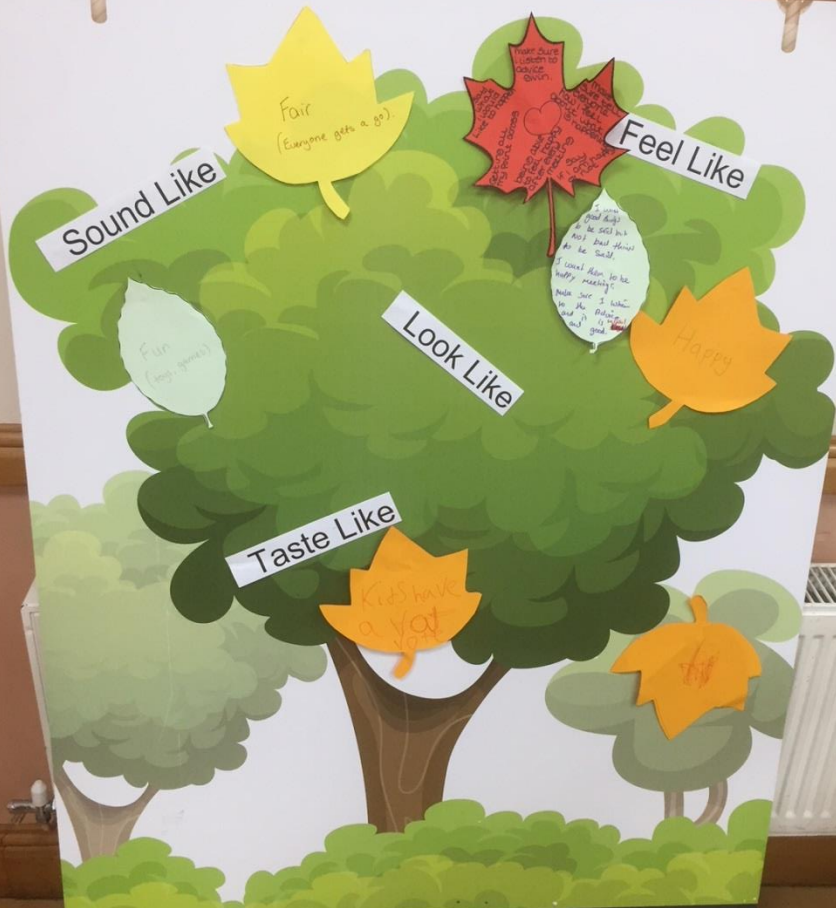
Who attended?

- 12 carers
- Residential staff
- 28 looked after children
- IRO
- Sally Clewes and her team
- CICC who helped at the activity tables





I want my meetings about me to.....



Some of the things the young people said

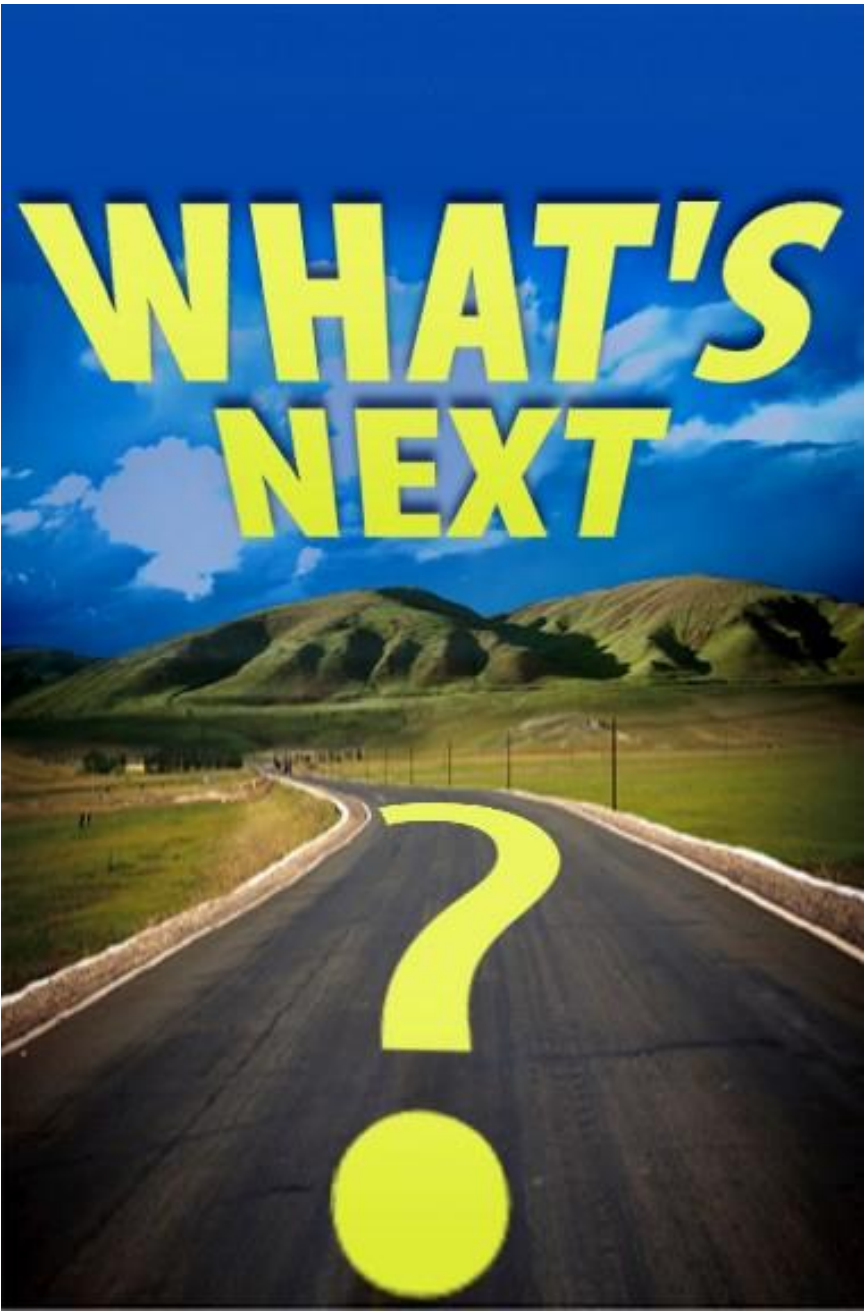
- Make my meetings happy
- Let me decide who comes
- Don't want my meeting in an office
- I want to say what is discussed
- Let me have my say in the meeting
- Make things better
- Can we have some juice and biscuits?



Feedback



- It was a real success
- Carers and children said can we do this again next year?
- IROs enjoyed the opportunity to play, be creative and consult with their children about how their meetings can be improved.
- Press release to all local news papers
- Art work created by the children is on the wall at Green Gardens.



- Participation is a priority in SQA business plan
- Further consultation with children in care council about the forms we use
- Shared examples from other LA and young people developed their own templates for meetings.
- This needs to be shared wider to seek the views of other looked after children.
- Practice mornings with IRO and other partners to develop the children's ideas more fully.

Any Questions

