# CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD 30 NOVEMBER 2017

## CORPORATE PARENTING DISTRICT EVENTS

#### Recommendation

1. The Board is asked to note the information in this report and for the Board to support each District Event.

## **Background**

2. The Chairman, Cllr Anne Hingley, is chairing the Cross-Party Corporate Parenting group which is attended by an elected member from each district across Worcestershire. Elected Member attendance is as follows:

Cllr Fran Oborski – Wyre Forest Cllr Stephen Mackay – Worcester City Cllr Charles Hotham – Bromsgrove Cllr Pattie Hill – Redditch Cllr Lucy Hodgson – Malvern Hills Cllr Rob Adams – Wychavon

- 3. The group is also attended by Officers from the Children, Families and Communities Directorate including Jake Shaw (Assistant Director), Andrew Tombs (Independent Reviewing Unit and Quality Assurance), Paul Finnemore (Commissioning Manager, Young People), Sally Clewes (Participation and Engagement Co-ordinator) and Luke Willetts (Transformation Lead).
- 4. The purpose of the group is to raise awareness of Corporate Parenting among Elected Members and to arrange events in each district across Worcestershire to enable Looked After Children, their carers and Care Leavers to come together and meet their local Members.
- 5. Two events have taken place so far:

#### Wychavon (October Half Term)

An archaeological test-pit dig over 2 days with a 3rd day at The Hive examining what the children had discovered during their dig. There are plans for there to be a further one of these events in the Easter period as some children couldn't attend due to it being half term. Following the event, feedback was excellent from both the children who attended and the Elected Members.

# Wyre Forest (Sunday 19th November)

An afternoon party with activities including bouncy castle, face painting, disco and indoor archery with pizza and salad provided.

#### 2018 events

There will be events in the remaining districts during early 2018. Meetings are being scheduled in late November/early December with the respective Councillors from each district to begin preparations. The Councillors are leading on each event in terms of ideas and planning/preparation with support from officers at County Hall where needed. There is also discussion about a one off event specifically targeted for Care Leavers to be planned with young people and the Care Leavers Service.

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