

COUNCIL
12 JANUARY 2017**KEY ISSUES DEBATE – COUNCIL AS CORPORATE PARENT**

1. The Council's Constitution allows for the Council to hold Key Issues debates. These are intended to allow Councillors to have a wide-ranging discussion (without necessarily the constraints associated with formal proceedings of the Council) on a specific issue of interest particularly in circumstances where policy or practice has yet to be determined. This Key Issues debate will focus on the role of the Council and all its councillors as Corporate Parent.
2. To facilitate this debate the Director of Children, Families and Communities has prepared a briefing paper on the topic for all councillors, and will make a presentation on the day with the Cabinet Member with Responsibility to help stimulate discussion. There will also be young people present to contribute to the debate (A copy of the briefing paper is enclosed with this agenda and is also available with the agenda papers on the Council's website).
3. As with other Key Issues debates the Council will not take any decisions or vote on the matter under debate, but any key points which emerge from it will be used to inform future consideration of this issue. Any emerging views will also be used to inform the Council's continuing provision for any child where the Council is the Corporate Parent.
4. Members might want to consider the following questions for debate among others:
 - What training they would find helpful in order to fulfil their corporate parenting role?
 - What information they would find useful in order to fulfil the role?

Supporting Information

Appendix 1 - Briefing note – Corporate Parenting Responsibilities

Appendix 2 - Corporate Parenting Board - Terms of Reference

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Director of Children, Families and Communities) there are no background papers relating to the subject matter of this report.