

Future development of the Corporate Parenting Panel in 2017/18 – young people’s responses to suggested changes	
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<p>1. Young people to become more central to the panel's work. Continue with 6 Corporate Parenting Panels per year, but with 3 of these being 'informal' meetings with young people; a recent example of this being the pizza party in January 2017. Consider an earlier start time of 6pm.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Young people are keen for this to happen. They enjoyed the Pizza Party and meeting Corporate Parenting Panel members. ● It is felt important that there is an interactive activity as well as the discussions to enhance the relationship building and productivity of the young people. The young people have suggested cake decorating and 'afternoon tea' for the next one! ● The length of the discussion period can be extended but it is recommended that this takes place slowly and over a couple of meetings. ● It was also considered important to have actions for both groups at the end of the meetings arising from the discussions that have taken place.
<p>2. The focus of the Corporate Parenting Panels for the year, in the form of 'themes', decided by the young people at the beginning of the year. This will provide direction for the panel discussions and invitations to external professionals to attend meetings to progress and develop the themes. The themes could form the focus of the annual report, with progress documented. Outcomes and progress could be measured against the themes and associated objectives.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● At the festive meal, the young people identified two key issues for 2017: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ health of children looked after; ➢ Social workers. ● The young people are keen for these to continue throughout the coming year. It is felt that further consideration needs to be given to how we will deliver change within these issues. ● The 'Bright Spots' survey of all school age children in care is currently being completed. The participation support workers suggest that this data should be looked at in relation to the two identified key issues and to identify another key issue for the year. ● It was suggested that the festive meal could be the forum each year for the young people to direct future key issues as well as to celebrate outcomes. This could be part of the participation cycle.

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<p>3. Feedback to be given to young people in a way that they consider to be useful.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive feedback was received about the young people's version of the Corporate Parenting Panel minutes. Young people would be keen for the Corporate Parenting Panel to present these at the informal meetings if the panel agree to this. • It has also been suggested that the minutes could be added to the KICC:MK website for all young people in care and care leavers to access. • It is felt that the main thing is that feedback must not be arduous.
<p>4. Attendance of Corporate Parenting Panel members at other events and groups as well as residential homes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation would like to facilitate this, but they need to check with the youth club first as the club is considered a social and safe place for the young people. • There are also other activities where attendance by Corporate Parenting Panel members would be welcomed. These include True Triumph, the festive meal and summer activities. • Other engagement avenues to explore are the New2UK group and CIC+ youth club for those young people who are 16+.
<p>5. Would the young people be able to meet informally in March to discuss these proposals?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Voice has a busy schedule in March with the Bright Spots survey, participating in staff recruitment and foster carer training. They do not think that they can fit in an additional informal meeting. • Would Councillors Miles (CPP Chair) and Nolan (lead member) be available to attend part of the Our Voice meeting in March? <i>NB this may not be feasible as it is the same night as the formal Corporate Parenting Panel.</i> • The next informal meeting could be in May.

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