

Corporate Parenting Board

1. Purpose of Group / Terms of Reference

- 1.1 Medway Council is the corporate parent of the children in its care, wherever the children are placed. All Councillors have a responsibility in fulfilling this role. Medway has decided to exercise the function of corporate parenting through a Corporate Parenting Board.
- 1.2 This Board advises officers on policy relating to looked after children, monitors performance and celebrates and shares achievements. The Lead Member for Children's Services (LMCS) is a key Member of the Board, which allows them to provide strategic leadership in relation to Looked After Children. The Board examines how Medway Council is meeting its obligations to Looked after Children in terms of providing care, a home and access to health and education and doing all the other things a good parent does.

2. Membership

- 2.1 Reflecting the responsibility for all Councillors in this area, this is a cross-party group established on a 5:3:1 basis.
- 2.2 The officers who usually attend meetings are the Director of People - Children and Adults Services, the Assistant Director Children's Social Care, the Head of Corporate Parenting, the Virtual Head teacher and representatives from other Council services, such as Housing and Public Health, as required, as well as representatives from the Police, NHS, Medway Children and Young People Council and the Young Lives Foundation.

3. Frequency of meetings

- 3.1 The group meets on a quarterly basis.

Appendix 2

Cabinet Advisory Groups 2025/2026 – Membership

Title	No and ratio	Names of nominated representatives		Term of office
Corporate Parenting Board	9 (5:3:1) plus named substitutes	<u>Member</u>	<u>Substitute</u>	Municipal year