

# **Minutes of the Corporate Parenting Board held in TLC Hub.**

**Monday 13 November 2023 5.30 PM**

## **Committee Members present:**

Councillor S. Elson (Chair)  
Councillor T. Jukes (Vice Chair)  
Councillor A. Hicken  
Councillor N. Latham  
Councillor V. Waters

## **Officers Present:**

Colleen Male – Executive Director, Children’s Services  
Rita Homer – Director, Children’s Social Work  
Elise Hopkins – Director, Customer Engagement  
David Hughes – Children’s Champion  
Zoe Morgan – Head of Service  
Lorraine Thompson – Head of Virtual School  
Jivan Sembi – Head of Service  
Mark Burrows – Group Manager  
Jenny Cockcroft – Head of Service  
Simon Green – Adoption at Heart  
Catherine Materson – Walsall ICB

13. **Apologies**

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillor R. Worrall.

14. **Substitutions**

There were no substitutions submitted for the duration of the meeting.

15. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest submitted.

16. **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (as amended)**

There was no information in private session.

17. **Engagement session with Children and Young People**

The Head of Service for Practice, Quality and Improvement introduced the action plan created by young people and described action that had been taken and the next steps planned. The actions on the plan were described along with feedback on conversations with children and young people.

The fostering service annual report 2022-23 and the adoption service annual report 2022-23 was presented by Managers, with the salient points detailed. Members held small discussion groups with children and young people, feedback was provided to the group, which would be included in the action plan.

Members had the opportunity to hear from young people and sought their views on issues raised.

**Resolved**

The following reports were noted:

- Update on action plan created by young people.
- Fostering Service Annual Report 2022-23.
- Adoption service report 2022-23.

18. **Date of next meeting**

The Corporate Parenting Board Strategy and Action Plan was deferred to the next meeting. The date of the next meeting was 9 January 2023.

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 7.20 pm.

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