

**BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO CORPORATE PARENTING CABINET COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY, 14TH JULY, 2009**

**REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR - CHILDREN**

**Corporate Parenting Policy Statement**

**1. Purpose of Report.**

To seek agreement to Bridgend County Borough Council's corporate parenting policy statement (see attached Appendix).

**2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Plan / Other Corporate Priority.**

Looked after children are a key responsibility for the Council as corporate parents and connect with the corporate theme of "Children Today, Adults Tomorrow"

**3. Background.**

A draft corporate parenting policy statement has been in existence for some time and was considered again at the Corporate Parenting Cabinet Committee in January 2009. Some amendments were made and the document was circulated to a number of multi-agency partnerships for consultation before it was finalized. There were no comments other than one that approved of the statement in its current form and one that suggested that "care leavers" be subsumed into "looked after children and young people" rather than added separately each time through the document.

**4. Current situation / proposal.**

The consultation period has ended and as there have been no other comments or suggestions for amendment, it is proposed that the committee consider the above proposed amendment and endorse the final policy statement, setting out as it does, the values and principles that will underpin the committee's work programme and progress the work that needs to be done with partners to ensure that looked after children and young people are cared for and supported to enable them to access the same opportunities as their peers in Bridgend.

**5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules.**

None

**6. Legal Implications.**

None

**7. Financial Implications.**

None.

**8. Recommendation.**

That the Committee determines whether to incorporate the amendment as set out in paragraph 3 of the Report and to subsequently endorse the final Corporate Parenting Policy Statement.

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**18th June, 2009**

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**Background documents**

There are no background papers to this document.