

**CABINET COMMITTEE CORPORATE PARENTING - THURSDAY, 28 MAY 2026**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET COMMITTEE CORPORATE PARENTING HELD HYBRID IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER - CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND, CF31 4WB ON THURSDAY, 28 MAY 2026 AT 10:00**

Present

Councillor J Gebbie – Chairperson

C Davies

M J Evans

GC Haines

JC Spanswick

Present Virtually

F D Bletsoe  
AJ Williams

D M Hughes

J E Pratt

A Wathan

Officers:

David Wright  
Gayle Shenton  
Daniel Bolton  
Anthony Hewitt  
Jake Morgan  
Steve Berry  
Michael Pitman  
Stephen Griffiths  
Oscar Roberts

Acting Head – Children and Family Services  
Head of Learning  
Group Manager – Provider Services  
Western Bay Adoption Service Team Manager  
Chief Executive  
Corporate Parenting & Participation Officer  
Technical Support Officer – Democratic Services  
Democratic Services Officer - Committees  
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**84. Apologies for Absence**

Decision Made	Apologies for absence were received from Councillors H Williams, M Jones, E Winstanley, T Thomas and the Corporate Director – Social Services & Wellbeing
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**85. Declarations of Interest**

Decision Made	There were no declarations of interest.
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**86. Approval of Minutes**

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> That the minutes of a meeting of Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting dated 29/10/2025 be approved as a true and accurate record.
Date Decision Made	28 May 2026

**87. Corporate Parenting Board Annual Update 2024/25**

Decision Made	<p>The purpose of this report, presented by the Deputy Leader / Cabinet Member Social Services, Health and Wellbeing, was to provide the Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting with an overview of the Corporate Parenting Board in 2024-2026.</p> <p>Members posed questions on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Numbers and roles of staff assigned to care-experienced children and care leavers.</li><li>• The reasons behind partner organisations failing to attend Board meetings.</li><li>• What is being done to support children attending multiple schools in the County due to care requirements.</li><li>• Measures to overcome barriers in attendance data.</li><li>• Safeguarding measures in place for care-experienced children and care leavers on vocational courses.</li></ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Measures in place to ensure sufficient knowledge and highlight benefits of these services.</li></ul> <p>These questions were addressed by the Acting Head – Children and Family Services and the Head of Learning. It was agreed information would be provided about specific numbers of staff assigned to personal supervisory roles for care leavers. It was further agreed that information regarding care-experienced children attending multiple schools would be presented at a future meeting.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> The Committee noted the ongoing work on a corporate parenting data set to support our understanding of needs and outcomes in 2026/27.</p>
Date Decision Made	28 May 2026

**88. Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) Inspection of Bridgend County Borough Council's (BCBC) Regulated Services in Children's Social Care**

Decision Made	<p>The purpose of this report, presented by the Deputy Leader / Cabinet Member Social Services, Health and Wellbeing, was for the Committee to consider the outcome of the Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) inspections of Bridgend County Borough Council's (BCBC) Regulated Services in Children's Social Care in 2025. This report relates to inspection activity detailed within the report.</p> <p>Members posed questions on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Improvements noted for current facilities and environments within the report.</li><li>• How the Committee can work more closely with Councillors conducting regular visits of social care facilities.</li><li>• CIW's feedback regarding areas of improvement.</li></ul> <p>These questions were addressed by the Acting Head – Children and Family Services and the Group Manager – Provider Services.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> That the Committee noted the outcome of the CIW Inspections of the Council's Regulated Services in Children and Families Service.</p>
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**89. Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) Inspection Report of Western Bay Adoption Service November 2025**

Decision Made	<p>The purpose of this report, presented by the Deputy Leader / Cabinet Member Social Services, Health and Wellbeing and the Western Bay Adoption Service Team Manager , was to provide information to the Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting about the recent Care Inspectorate Wales inspection report which can be found in Appendix 1 to the report. Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) inspected Western Bay Adoption Service (WBAS) between 1 September and 5 September 2025.</p> <p>Members posed questions on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Required improvements within the report, and policies or training to address them.</li><li>• Differences between the report and issues reported to members of the Committee.</li><li>• Plans to allow staff learning to continue.</li><li>• Updates on approval given from separate Local Authorities.</li><li>• Progress on the proposed action plan for future improvements.</li></ul> <p>These questions were addressed by the Western Bay Adoption Service Team Manager and the Acting Head – Children and Family Services.</p> <p><b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b> That the Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting considered and noted the CIW inspection report and acknowledged that the Management Board will oversee the identified action plan.</p>
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**90. Urgent Items**

Decision Made	None.
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The meeting closed at 11:07.