

Kent County Council

Job Description:

Corporate Director – Education and Young People Services

Date: November 2013

Directorate:	Education and Young People Services
Grade:	KR19
Responsible to:	The County Council Member of the Corporate Management Team

Job Purpose

Champion the interests of parents, families and vulnerable children and young people across all related services.

Promote education excellence, ensure a high quality supply of school places, co-ordinate fair admissions and develop school improvement strategies to support local schools.

Accountabilities

Corporate Directors will work within the KCC Corporate Responsibilities for Senior Officers. In addition, as members of the Corporate Management Team and working closely with Cabinet Members, Corporate Directors will work together to enable corporate responsiveness to elected members; secure the best approach to resource stewardship for the Council's budget and finances; ensure that overall management attention, effort and controls are commensurate to risk and opportunity across the council's functions and activities; and enhance the reputation of Kent as a place as well as Kent County Council as the democratic agent of change in the region.

Work as part of the Corporate Management Team to take early action if performance against corporate objectives is less than excellent.

Champion and support strategic cohesion in the delivery of children's services by maintaining and developing key links between Specialist Children's Services, education services and early intervention and preventative services via the Integrated Children's Services Board, Joint Commissioning Board and Kent Safeguarding Children Board.

Identify and deliver commissioning strategies to ensure effective assessment and services are in place to support vulnerable young people during childhood and their transition to adulthood and that a framework of safeguarding is in place to protect them.

Lead and direct the development, implementation and review of school and young people's learning services, championing the appropriate intervention in failing schools, to encourage a culture of high added value and ensuring that the Council meets its legal and statutory obligations for young people and their achievements.

Commission and lead on strategies to work with schools and other associated bodies to influence and inform the level of school performance and pupil attainment and a range of work related learning opportunities.

Provide effective leadership working locally, regionally and nationally to build and maintain partnerships with school governors, headteachers and other partners and groups in Kent to develop new models of partnership and collaborative work between schools, delivery vehicles and support to schools in the new government agenda for education.

Work in partnership with the Corporate Director - Social Care and Public Health to help ensure the responsibilities of the statutory obligations of the Director of Children's Services are achieved. The accountability of and for Children's Services sits with the County's statutory Director of Children's Services (DCS) as expressed in the Protocol document.

Lead and commission strategies that support and enable schools to achieve a desired level of organisational autonomy so schools can continue to buy high quality services from the Council.

Actively review all services provided by this post to identify the 'right source' for their future delivery including consideration of outsourcing, co-sourcing or in-sourcing to ensure the most effective and efficient delivery methods are employed.

This job description sets out the accountabilities specific to the role. These should be read in conjunction with the Corporate Responsibilities that apply to the Corporate Director and Director roles.

Direct Reports

- Director of Preventative Services
- Director of Education Planning and Access
- Director of Education Quality and Standards