

From: Roger Gough, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education
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To: Corporate Parenting Panel – 21 July 2017

Subject: **CORPORATE PARENTING CHALLENGE CARDS**

Classification: Unrestricted

Electoral Divisions: All

Summary: This report provides Members with an overview of progress made, and current challenges.

Recommendation: Members of the Corporate Parenting Panel are asked to **NOTE** the Challenge Card progress to date.

1. Introduction

1.1 Young people told us that they would like a formal way to have the opportunity of having their voices heard by their Corporate Parents and by the decision makers in the Council. The young people wanted a way to be able to 'challenge' or make suggestions about how improvements could be made to the care system. The idea of the Challenge Card evolved and these cards allow Children in Care (CiC) and Care Leavers to challenge their Corporate Parents around issues facing them in care.

2. Process

- Any young person in care or Care Leaver can raise a challenge. The challenge is then taken to one of the Children in Care Councils and if it is agreed upon by three or more members it is agreed.
- Agreed Challenges are then taken forward to the CiC Meetings where the Lead Officer will review and a decision will be taken in the meeting as to whether the Challenge is actionable.
- The delegated officer will then action the challenge and will update the Virtual School Kent (VSK) Participation and Engagement (P&E) Team with the outcome of the Challenge.
- At the next CiC Council meeting the Chairperson will update the CiC Council as to the outcome of the Challenge.
- VSK Care Leaver Apprentices provide regular updates to CPP as to the outcome of the Challenge Cards. CPP also comment and advise on Challenges where necessary.
- Challenge Cards are discussed at every Super Council, Older Children, Young People Council (OCYPC) and Young Adult Council (YAC) meeting.

- A detailed log is kept by the VSK P&E Team recording the Challenges, responsible officers, outcomes and updates to young people.

3. Current Challenges

- 3.1 For Senior Staff, Members and Corporate Parents to support the upcoming YAC charity fundraiser 'Virtual Triathlon to Calais' on Thursday 26 October 2017 by attending the event and helping to raise sponsorship

Action: Senior Staff, Members and Corporate Parents to save the date and support

Costs: N/A

Outcome: N/A

Feedback to young people: This will be fed back to YAC members and actioned at the next meeting on the 7 September 2017.

4. Recommendations

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5. Background Documents

None

6. Contact details

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