

Committee:	Corporate Parenting Panel
Date:	31 st July 2008
Subject:	Development of a Special Interest Group with Young People
Responsible Officer:	Paul Clark - Corporate Director of Children's Services
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Christine Bednell – Portfolio Holder for Children's Services
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	None

Section 1 – Summary

FOR INFORMATION

- 1.1. Report on a plan to develop a Special Interest Group with Young People to support Corporate Parenting in their work, in line with recommendations made by "Care Matters".

Section 2 – Report

- 2.1 Corporate Parenting have consulted with Young People in a variety of ways and have also participated in training with Young People around how best to exchange views.
- 2.2 It is suggested that a group of young people drawn from existing Young People forums would provide a more formal reference and representative way of exchanging ideas and views.
- 2.3 The young people would be trained and supported to act as a reference point for, and to work with, Corporate Parenting.
- 2.4 It is suggested the young people will meet quarterly with members of the Corporate Parenting Panel and relevant officers to support the function of this panel.
- 2.5 It is suggested that the meetings will take place outside of the formal Corporate Parenting Panel meetings.
- 2.6. It is suggested that a terms of reference will be drawn together with the young people, to include lines of communication and a work plan.
- 2.7 The young people will be supported by the Participation Team.

Section 3 – Further Information

- 3.1 The proposal to develop a Special Interest Group is for Panel to consider and to provide direction.

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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