



# Corporate Parenting Board

**Date:** Thursday, 21 January 2021  
**Time:** 5.00 pm  
**Venue:** A link to the meeting can be found on the front page of the agenda.

## **Membership: (Quorum 3)**

Kate Wheller (Chairman), Richard Biggs (Vice-Chairman), Ryan Holloway, Stella Jones, Andrew Kerby, Cathy Lugg and Andrew Parry

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### **8 CORPORATE PARENTING STRATEGY- 18:25**

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To receive a presentation on Corporate Parenting Strategy.

### **13 URGENT EXEMPT ITEM**

To consider any items of business which the Chairman has had prior notification and considers to be urgent pursuant to section 100B (4) b) of the Local Government Act 1972. The reason for the urgency shall be recorded in the minutes. This item is scheduled as exempt business under Paragraphs 1 and 2 of schedule 12A to the local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

### **14 UNREGISTERED PLACEMENTS**

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To consider a report of the Corporate Director Care and Protection, Children's Services

# Dorset's Corporate Parenting Strategy 2020 – 2023

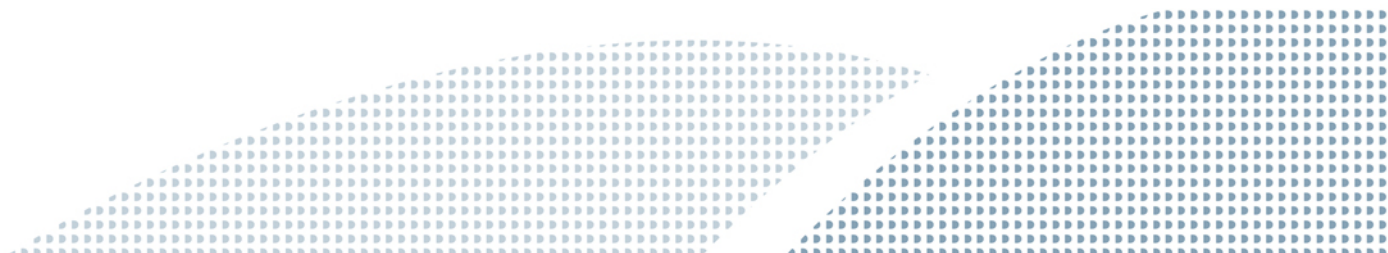
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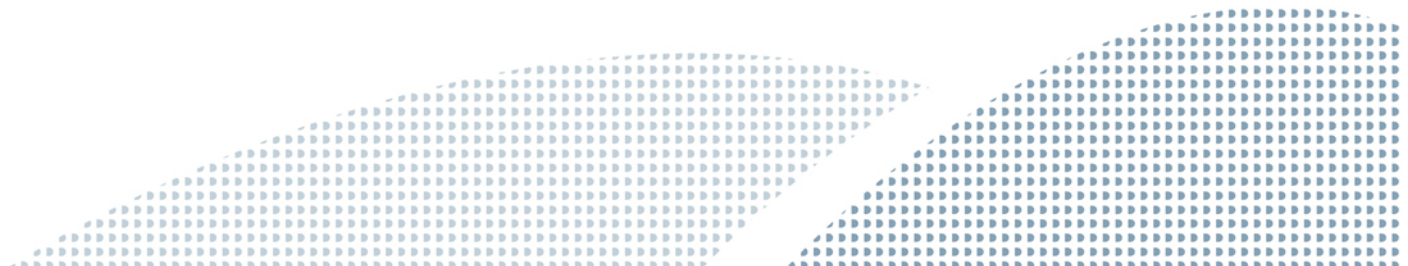
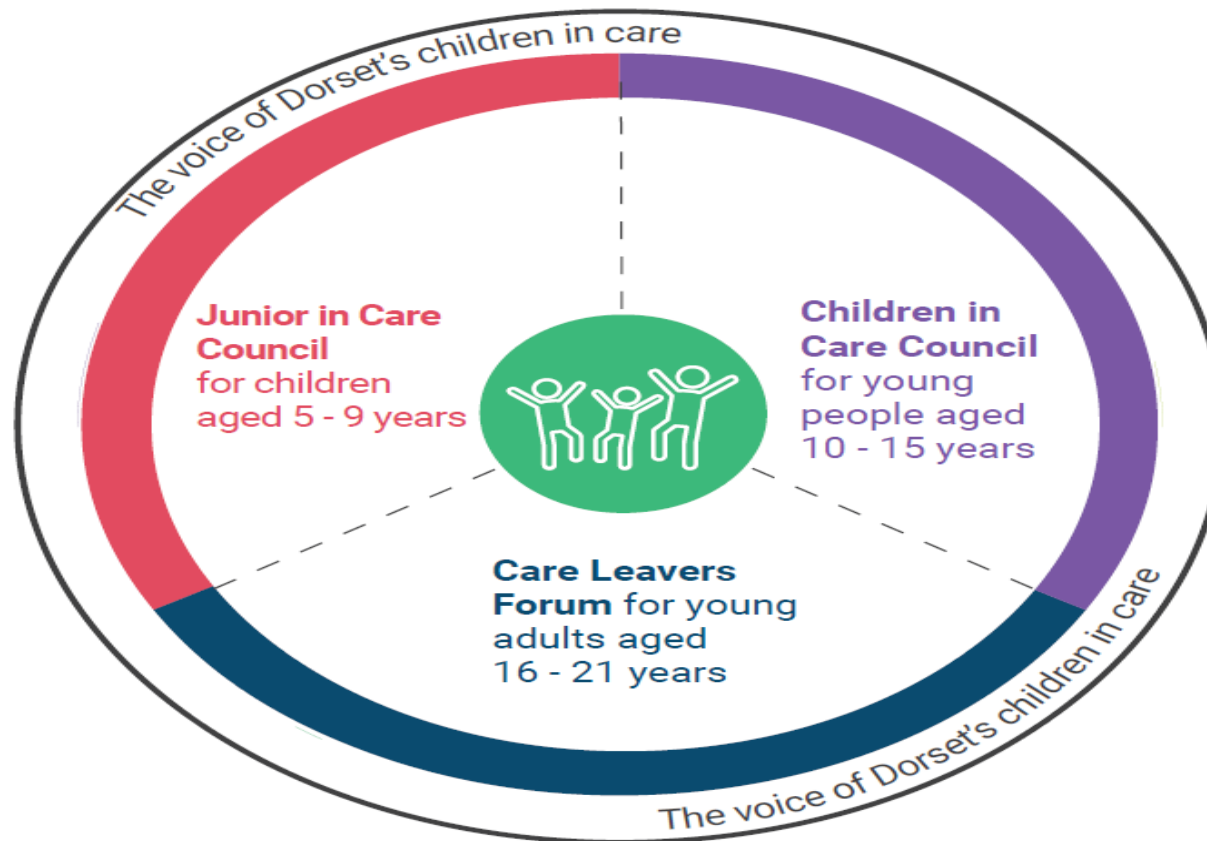
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# Corporate Parenting Ambitions & Priorities

- 1 Increase opportunities to hear the voice of our children and young people and to take their views, wishes and feelings into account.
- 2 Promote better physical and mental health and well-being through improved access to health information and services.
- 3 Have high aspirations for children in care and care leavers in their education, training and employment.
- 4 Ensure safe and stable accommodation within the family home or close relatives and friends. If not possible, children are moved to a permanent placement without delay.
- 5 For our children to have a good and enriching experience of care provision and to prepare for adulthood and an independent and successful life.
- 6 Effective governance and planning arrangements are in place to mean the Corporate Parent can be the best they can be.



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## Positives

- Corporate Parenting Board (CPB) are well sighted each month on the Strengths and Difficulties Questioner (SDQ) data.
- Adhoc report on Emotional Health and Wellbeing presented to Board Jan 2021.
- Strengthening Services plan in place (SDQ).
- Review Health Assessment (RHA) rates remain positive.

## Areas of focus

- Education Psychologist delivering SDQ training to staff in January 2021.
- Refine process for staff.
- Initial Health Assessment rate is low – improved process embedding.

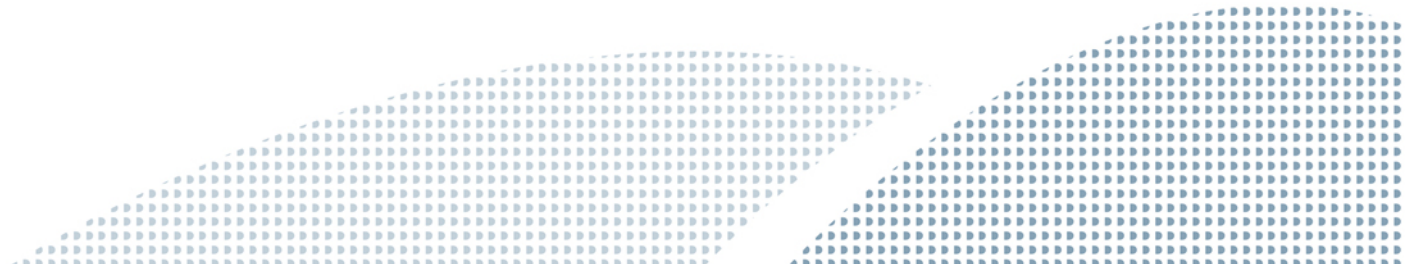




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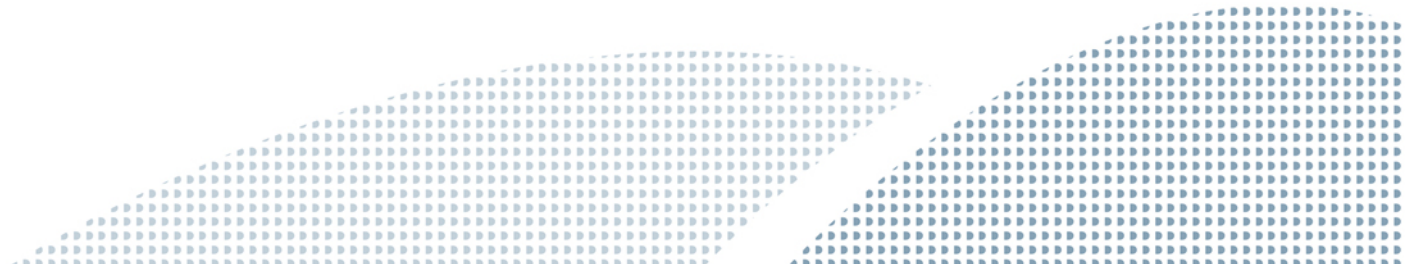
- Virtual Schools Annual report and end of term data to CPB
- Deep Dive on Care Leavers' Employment, Education and Skills – Not In Education , Employment or Training (NEET) (June and September 2021)
- New virtual schools Principal Teacher
- Electronic Personal Education Plan (PEP) training in January 2021
- Pandemic has encouraged use of tech to stay in contact with one another and made accessible a variety of resources to young people that may not have previously accessed this.
- Our NEET statistics are slightly better than those of our statistical neighbours and have been improving by a small amount each month since August, coinciding with the new academic term.
- Monthly meeting on Red Amber Green (RAG) rated Children in Care not in Education or reduced time table.



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## Areas of focus

- Pandemic has limited school access as well as clubs, cultural activities.
- Focus on reducing the number of Care Leavers that are NEET and have created a 'team within the team' to focus on supporting Care Leavers around their employment, education and training.
- Focus on the approximately 60 Care Leavers who are NEET but are available for education, employment and training.





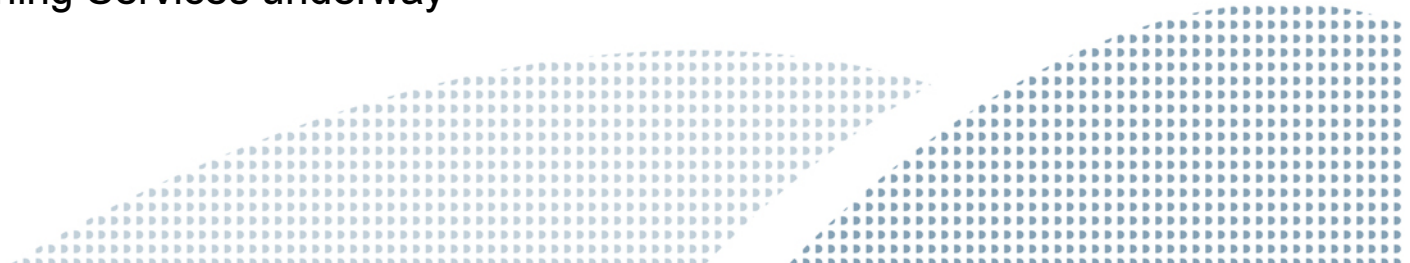
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## Positive

- Established improved management oversight processes
- Joint Viability Assessments completed between the children's social worker and a fostering social worker.
- Fortnightly Permanency Panel established October 2020 .
- Permanence training for social workers
- Enhanced Tracking by Quality Assurance Reviewing Officers QARO
- Joint Housing Protocol 16-17 yrs workshop in the first quarter of 2021
- New Harbour Project

## Areas of focus

- Better use of Family Group Conferences
- Continued development of Permanence planning
- Refined Long term Fostering Process ready for sign off
- Fostering Strengthening Services underway



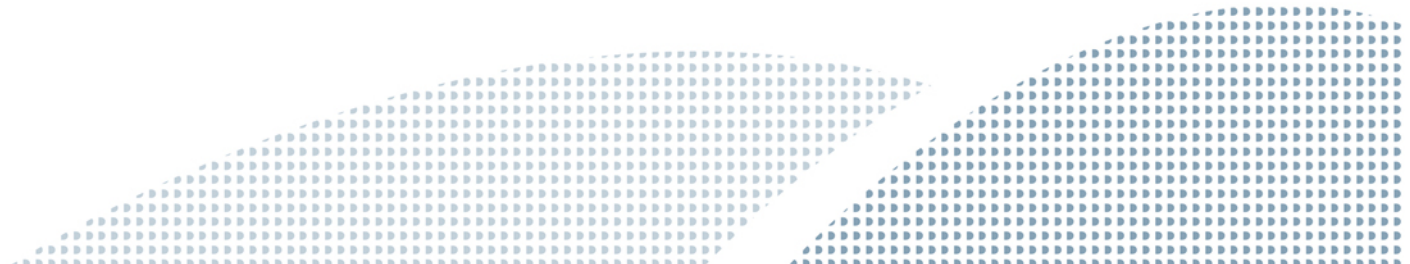
- 5** For our children to have a good and enriching experience of care provision and to prepare for adulthood and an independent and successful life.

## Positive

- Independent Advocacy services for our Children In Care age 8 years and older (opt out)
- Children in Care Awards well established
- Transition working group underway

## Areas of focus

- MAX card promotion
- Strengthening the in-house fostering offer to ensure that children are local, and to build local links and access local services.
- Transition working group



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## Positives

- Corporate Parenting Strategy Launch for 2020-2023 linked with other existing policies.
- Corporate Parenting Strategy update at formal meetings and Annual Report
- CPB Forward Planner in place until 2022.
- Monthly data pack comparing our performance against statistical neighbours and national trends.

## Area of focus

- Corporate Parenting to form part of new starters induction to DC.



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