

Corporate Parenting Board

Date: Thursday, 11 December 2025
Time: 3.00 pm
Venue: Committee Room 2, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ

Members (Quorum: 3)

Bridget Bolwell (Chair), Duncan Sowry-House (Vice-Chair), Stella Jones, Matt Bell, Julie Robinson, Byron Quayle and Cathy Lugg

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Agenda

Item		Pages
1.	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS The Chair of the Committee to open the meeting and welcome those present.	
2.	APOLOGIES To receive any apologies for absense.	
3.	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held on 28 May 2025.	5 - 8
4.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To disclose any pecuniary, other registrable or non-registrable interests	

as set out in the adopted Code of Conduct. In making their decision councillors are asked to state the agenda item, the nature of the interest and any action they propose to take as part of their declaration.

If required, further advice should be sought from the Monitoring Officer in advance of the meeting.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Representatives of town or parish councils and members of the public who live, work or represent an organisation within the Dorset Council area are welcome to submit up to two questions or two statements for each meeting. Alternatively, you could submit one question and one statement for each meeting.

All submissions must be emailed in full to antony.nash@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk by 8.30am on **8 December 2025**

When submitting your question(s) and/or statement(s) please note that:

- no more than three minutes will be allowed for any one question or statement to be asked/read
- a question may include a short pre-amble to set the context, and this will be included within the three-minute period
- please note that sub divided questions count towards your total of two
- when submitting a question please indicate who the question is for (e.g. the name of the committee or Portfolio Holder)
- Include your name, address and contact details. Only your name will be published but we may need your other details to contact you about your question or statement in advance of the meeting.
- questions and statements received in line with the council's rules for public participation will be published as a supplement to the agenda
- all questions, statements and responses will be published in full within the minutes of the meeting.

6. CORPORATE PARENTING DATASET

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To receive a report from the Corporate Director for Care and Protection.

7. INDEPENDENT REVIEWING OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT

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To receive the report from the Quality Assurance Service Manager.

8. ADVOCACY AND INDEPENDENT VISITORS

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To receive the report from the Strategic Commissioner

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| 9. | ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VIRTUAL SCHOOL: EDUCATION OF CHILDREN IN CARE | 85 - 130 |
| | To receive the report from the Service Manager (Virtual School) Level 2 | |
| 10. | ANNUAL LADO REPORT | 131 - 166 |
| | To receive the report from the Head of Quality Assurance and Partnerships. | |
| 11. | CHILDREN IN CARE AT RISK OF OFFENDING AND CUSTODY | 167 - 176 |
| | To receive the report from the Head of Service, Dorset Combined Youth Justice Service. | |
| 12. | COMPLAINTS AND REPRESENTATIONS - CHILDREN IN CARE AND CARE LEAVERS | 177 - 202 |
| | To receive the report from the Senior Assurance Officer - Complaints | |
| 13. | ANNUAL CHILDREN IN CARE AND CARE EXPERIENCED YOUNG PEOPLE REPORT 2024/25 | 203 - 216 |
| | To receive the report from the Designated Nurse for Children in Care and Care Experienced Young People. | |
| 14. | DATE OF NEXT MEETING | |
| | To confirm details and deadlines for papers for the next meeting of the (formal) Corporate Parenting Board which will be held on 28 May 2026. The next informal meeting will be held on 29 January 2026. | |
| 15. | URGENT ITEMS | |
| | 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. | |
| 16. | EXEMPT BUSINESS | |
| | To move the exclusion of the press and the public for the following item in view of the likely disclosure of exempt information within the meaning of paragraph x of schedule 12 A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended). The public and the press will be asked to leave the meeting whilst the item of business is considered. | |
| | There are no exempt items scheduled for this meeting. | |