

**Councillor's 'Menu of Involvement' to assist with Corporate Parenting: To be a Champion of Children in Care to Help and Support them to Reach their Full Potential.**

This is being piloted for 2017/18 and will be evaluated and developed into a handbook.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

	Menu of Choices	Please tick at least one box
	<b>As a Ward / District Councillor</b>	
1	Seek opportunities to listen to the voices of children in care.	
<b>Children's Homes and Supported Accommodation</b>		
2	Carry out corporate parenting monitoring visits to the children's homes that have Birmingham children in them. Councillors can also visit children's homes outside Birmingham that have Birmingham children in and can liaise with officers to arrange these.  <b>Officer Contact: Louise Knowles</b>	
3	Attend events in children's homes to assist with raising aspirations.  <b>Officer Contact: Natalie Loon</b>	
4	Visit supported accommodation provision that have Birmingham children in them and build relationships with those providers.  <b>Officer Contact: Louise Knowles</b>	
5	Ask questions of all providers about young people's access to services e.g. health and leisure to help ensure children in care are fully integrated into the area.	
6	In order to integrate residential and supported housing provision into the local community Councillors can ask the local partnerships and networks (e.g. including the police or health) to invite them to their meetings and events.	
7	Where there are planning applications for new children's homes Councillors should balance the corporate parent role (e.g assisting officers in citizens understanding the impact of a children's home and by advocating the need for more children's homes) with the ward Councillor role of informing citizens and highlighting their concerns.  <b>Officer Contact: Andy Pepper</b>	

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8	<p>Help with securing sponsorship support and reward partners.</p> <p><b>Officer Contact: Natalie Loon</b></p>	
<b>Learning and Skills</b>		
9	<p>If a school governor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help raise awareness that children in care are vulnerable and can ask what the school is doing to support the children in care. For instance, do Councillors know the number of children in care attending and is the school monitoring and focused on raising their educational attainment?</li> <li>• Ensure children in care are treated fairly, this includes access to activities, education trips and work experience.</li> <li>• Ensure that children in care are fitting into the school and achieving well on target.</li> </ul> <p><b>Officer Contact: Andrew Wright</b></p>	
10	<p>To ask about the outcomes for children in care when visiting local schools.</p> <p><b>Officer Contact: Andrew Wright</b></p>	
11	<p>Make better use of connections to promote employment, volunteering and training opportunities. For example, to ask local partners or businesses if they could offer work experience / mentoring or help children in care secure volunteering roles.</p> <p><b>Officer Contact: Natalie Loon</b></p>	
<b>Fostering and Adoption</b>		
12	<p>Help to raise the profile and awareness in communities and at Councillors' surgeries for recruitment for foster carers and adopters. For example, Councillors could have literature and marketing material and / or invite officers to attend community groups and schools to discuss this.</p> <p><b>Officer Contact: Theresa Kane / Anita Earl</b></p>	

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	<b>As a City Councillor:</b>	
13	At all times be thinking "what does this mean for children in care" when carrying out Council business. For example, Councillors being involved in developing the housing strategy and homeless transformation programme need to consider the needs of children in care.	
14	Understand the needs, issues and complexities of the children the Council is caring for. For instance, nationally there are issues in finding places for children with very complex needs. <b>Officer Contact: Andy Pepper</b>	
15	Help maintain a stable budget for Children's Social Care to assist with reducing agency staff so investment can be made in permanent staff that helps ensure stability for the child.	
16	To celebrate success for children in care, including attending one or more of a number of celebration events. <b>Officer Contact: Natalie Loon</b>	
17	Attend fostering and adoption recruitment events. <b>Officer Contact: Theresa Kane / Anita Earl</b>	
18	As well as being in contact with Children's Social Care if something has gone wrong officers welcome positive feedback about families and children's experiences.	
19	Ask social workers how well they know the children they are working with and evidence of whether the child's voice is heard and how they are involved in the decisions made.	
20	Visit or buddy up with Councillors in areas that have a larger number of children's homes (as children's homes are not evenly distributed in the city).	
21	Any other activities not outlined above you can commit to in 2017/18. [Please insert details here]	

## Thank You for Completing

The commitment you have made will be published on the City Council's website. A follow-up survey will be undertaken in January 2018 requesting an update.





CIrs Name	Ward	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Mahmood Hussain	Lozells & E.H.		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓									
Shabrana Hussain	Springfield	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									✓	✓			✓	✓	
Timothy Huxtable	Bournville	✓					✓							✓								
Mohammed Idress	Washwood H.	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	✓		
Zafar Iqbal	S. Yardley	✓	✓							✓	✓		✓									
Ziaul Islam	Aston		✓	✓				✓														
Morriam Jan	Perry Barr	✓			✓		✓	✓					✓	✓			✓					
Kerry Jenkins	Hall Green	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Merion Jenkins	Sutton Four O.			✓																		
Simon Jevon	Kings Norton				✓						✓		✓	✓					✓		✓	
Julie Johnson	Weoley	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	
Brigid Jones	Selly Oak	✓		✓		✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
Carol Jones	Stechford & YN																					
Josh Jones	Stockland Grn	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓			✓	✓		✓		✓	✓					
Nagina Kauser	Aston																					
Tony Kennedy	Sparkbrook					✓								✓								✓
Ansar Ali Khan	Washwood H.		✓	✓		✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
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Marion Khan	Washwood H.																					
Narinder Kaur Kooner	H. Wood	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		
Chaman Lal	Soho	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓				
Mike Leddy	Brandwood	✓	✓	✓			✓				✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓			
Bruce Lines	Bartley Green			✓	✓					✓	✓	✓			✓						✓	
John Lines	Bartley Green																					
Keith Linnecor	Oscott	✓	✓					✓			✓			✓						✓		
Mary Locke	Bournville						✓		✓							✓	✓	✓				
Ewan Mackey	Sutton Trinity		✓								✓											
Majid Mahmood	Hodge Hill	✓		✓							✓	✓	✓				✓	✓				



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Lisa Trickett	Moseley & K.H.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Anne Underwood	Sutton Four O.	✓		✓													✓					✓
Margaret Waddington	Sutton Trinity																					
Ian Ward	Shard End					✓		✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Mike Ward	Sheldon			✓											✓		✓					
Fiona Williams	Hodge Hill	✓				✓								✓								
Ken Wood	Sutton N.H									✓				✓								
Alex Yip	Sutton N.H	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Waseem Zaffar	Lozells & E.H.	✓	✓	✓				✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓				