

Report for: Cabinet Member Signing – Leader of the Council – 15 September 2026

Title: Appointment of Membership for the Corporate Parenting Committee and Community Safety Partnership 2026/27

Report authorised by: Fiona Alderman, Director of Legal & Governance (Monitoring Officer)

Lead Officer: Richard Plummer, Committees Manager

Ward(s) affected: N/A

Report for Key/

Non-Key Decision: Non-Key

1. Describe the issue under consideration

1.1 Cabinet, on the 30 June 2026, agreed to establish the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee and Community Safety Partnership. This report seeks to agree the Membership of these Committees as per Recommendation 3.1.3 “To note that the appointment of Members to the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee and Community Safety Partnership will be agreed by the Leader of the Council as a non-key decision.”

1.2 This report seeks to confirm the Membership of the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee.

1.3 This report seeks to confirm the Membership of the Community Safety Partnership as a statutory partnership body.

2. Cabinet Member Introduction

N/A

3. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Leader of the Council:

3.1.3 Agree the appointment of Members to the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee and Community Safety Partnership as set out within Appendix A.

4. Reasons for decision

4.1.1 Establishing a Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee ensures that there is an overview of the Councillors statutory role as a corporate parent, assisting the Council to deliver its duties to children in care and young people leaving care.

- 4.1.2 Appointments from Cabinet are required to the Community Safety Partnership to reflect statutory duties and enable high level, accountable, strategic, oversight of issues relating community safety.

5. Alternative options considered

- 5.1.1 Not applicable as the Cabinet have already agreed to establish the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee.
- 5.1.2 The Community Safety Partnership is a statutory partnership body and therefore not appointing Cabinet Members to this body is not an option.

6. Background information

- 6.1 All Councillors, when they are elected, take on the responsibility of corporate parents to children who are looked after by their local authority. This means that they have a duty to take an interest in the well being and development of these children who form one of the most vulnerable groups in society.
- 6.2 The Corporate Parenting Committee has an overview of the Council's role as Corporate Parent for children and young people who are in care. It is responsible for ensuring that the life chances of children in care are maximised in terms of health, educational attainment and access to training and employment, in order to aid the transition to a secure and fulfilling adulthood.
- 6.3 The Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is a statutory body established pursuant to sections 5-7 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. The CSP fulfils the duty placed on local authorities to address community safety in partnership with the Police and other partners.

7. Contribution to the Corporate Delivery Plan 2024-2026 High level Strategic outcomes

- 7.1 'Children and young people' – the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee contributes to this outcome as it has an overview of the Council's role as Corporate Parent for children and young people who are in care.
- 7.2 'Safer Borough' - The Community Safety Partnership supports meeting this objective.

8. Statutory Officers comments

8.1 Finance

- 8.1.1 These Committees can be serviced from within existing business unit resources. Members should note that these Committees do not have the authority to incur expenditure or make budgetary decisions. Any recommendations arising from either of these Committees will need to be assessed at the time for any financial implications before any decisions are made to progress with the recommendations.

8.2 Procurement

8.2.1 There are no procurement implications arising from this report.

8.3 Legal

8.3.1 The Director of Legal and Governance (Monitoring Officer) has been consulted on the contents of this report.

8.3.2 The Council's Constitution sets out the relevant Cabinet arrangements at Part Three, Section C and confirms that the Cabinet may establish advisory Committees the membership of which does not have to be limited to Cabinet Members. The Cabinet may change them, abolish them, or create further ones, at its own discretion. These powers must be exercised with the agreement of the Leader and may be exercised by the Leader personally.

8.3.3 The Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is a statutory body established pursuant to sections 5 -7 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. The CSP fulfils the duty placed on local authorities to address community safety in partnership with the Police and other partners.

8.4 Equality

8.4.1 There are no specific equalities and cohesion implications to the proposals made in this report.

9. Use of Appendices

Appendix A – Member Appointments to the Corporate Parenting Committee and Community Safety Partnership 2026/27

10. Background Documents

[Establishment of the Corporate Parenting Committee and Appointment of Cabinet Members to Committees and Partnerships 2025/26 & Confirmation of their Terms of Reference.](#)