

Children & Learning Overview & Scrutiny Sub-Committee, Corporate Parenting Panel Update

The Children and Learning Overview & Scrutiny Sub-Committee have not met since the last Board meeting however the Children's Services bid to the DfE Innovation Fund has been successful in securing 2.4m which aims to improve services for young people going into, and leaving, care. It will bring together teams of social workers, NHS staff, teachers and other professionals, to tackle domestic abuse, substance misuse and mental health problems. Staff will learn how to support families and train them on how to prevent situations from escalating into potential safeguarding issues.

The Corporate Parenting Panel held their first Participation Meeting. A young care leaver joined Members in discussing care leaver experiences, the leaving care action plan and the Virtual School Head teachers Annual Report. Special needs transport is still problematic at Corbets Tey School and a meeting has been arranged to get to the bottom of the issues. The Foster Carers Award Event was welcomed and enjoyed at Maylands Golf Club on 23rd March in recognition of foster carers dedication and hard work in caring for children and young people in the borough.

Councillor Gillian Ford