1. Terms of Reference – Corporate Parenting Board

1.1 Provide clear strategic and political direction in relation to corporate parenting.

1.2 Ensure that all Councillors and City of Wolverhampton Council Service Groups are all fulfilling their roles and responsibilities as corporate parents proactively.

1.3 Make a demonstrable commitment to prioritising the needs of looked after children and young people and their carers.

1.4 Show ambition and aspirations for all looked after children and care leavers.

1.5 Undertake regular monitoring of the outcomes associated with the above priorities as they are articulated in the 'Corporate Parenting Pledge'.

1.6 Set objectives for monitoring the work of and evaluating the progress of the Corporate Parenting Senior Officers Group.

1.7 To receive regular reports on the level and quality of services to looked after children and care leavers from the Children and Young People's Service Group and other Service Groups and external organisations.

1.8 Ensure that Councillors undertake a programme of visits to children's homes.

1.9 Promote achievement and acknowledging the aspirations of children and young people looked after by supporting celebration events.

1.10 Champion the provision of Council based work placements and apprenticeships for looked after young people.

1.11 To determine ways in which the role of corporate parenting can be improved, using examples from other local authorities and countries.

1.12 To be responsible for ensuring that the views of children and young people and their carers are involved in the assessment, development and delivery of services.

1.13 Engaging with children and young people who are looked after or who have left care including inviting them to act as advisers to the Board on a regular basis.

1.14 Engaging with foster carers including inviting them to act as advisers to the Board on a regular basis.

1.15 Meeting with Government inspectors where appropriate, for their input into overall inspections such as the Annual Performance Assessment (APA) and individual inspections of fostering/adoption services and children's homes.

1.16 Approve a work plan, reviewing progress, membership of the Board and attainment of its role and terms of reference.

1.17 Through appropriate mechanisms, to report to Cabinet or other appropriate bodies on the work of the Board.