

Taking it to the Next Level: Corporate Parents & Children in Care Councils be inspired – Challenges and solutions sheet 3



The Challenge: How do we ensure that councillors understand their role as corporate parents and understand the needs of looked after children and care leavers.

Some suggestions and ideas from children in care council members and corporate parents

- Have training for all elected members.
- Have a member's pledge.
- Incorporate understanding of their role and responsibilities into member's induction.
- Hold themed events, fun days, and achievement award ceremonies that councillors can attend.
- Provide information about the needs of looked after children and care leavers such as a presentation or a film.
- You could organise a question time event for councillors and children in care council members.
- Have a roles and responsibilities checklist.
- Present data about the local picture and get councillors to consider how different aspects of the council's services impact on the lives of children in care and care leavers.
- Build relationships between young people and councillors in a supportive environment.

Further information

Leaflet for new councillors introducing them to their role as corporate parent
http://ncb.org.uk/media/968812/being_a_good_corp_parent_flyer.pdf

A checklist for three different levels of responsibility within the council

http://ncb.org.uk/media/967410/corp_parenting2_a_checklist_of_levels_of_responsibility.pdf

A description of roles and responsibilities of specific members and officers

http://ncb.org.uk/media/967404/corp_parenting2_roles_and_responsibilities.pdf

