

**Meeting:** Council **Date:** 30 September 2021

**Wards affected:** All Wards

**Report Title:** Corporate Parenting Strategy to be added to list of Policy Framework Documents

**When does the decision need to be implemented?** As soon as possible

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## 1. Purpose of Report

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- 1.1 To present the recommendation of the Cabinet to the Council for the Corporate Parenting Strategy to be added to the list of the Council's key strategic documents which form the Policy Framework.

## 2. Reason for Proposal and its benefits

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We want Torbay and its residents to thrive.

We want Torbay to be a place where we have turned the tide on poverty and tackled inequalities; where our children and older people will have high aspirations and where there are quality jobs, good pay and affordable housing for our residents.

We want Torbay to be the premier resort in the UK, with a vibrant arts and cultural offer for our residents and visitors to enjoy; where our built and natural environment is celebrated and where we play our part in addressing the climate change emergency.

- 2.1 The proposals in this report help us to deliver this ambition by ensuring that as Corporate Parents, the Council provides the very best for our cared for and care experienced young people.
- 2.2 The Children and Young People's Plan sets out Torbay Council's objectives and priorities for all services which directly affect children and young people across all the communities which make up Torbay. Its overriding objective is to ensure that all children, young people and care experienced young people and adults are safe, happy and healthy in order that they can reach their full potential. In the context of Corporate Parenting this objective can be re-stated so as to ensure that our cared for children and care experienced young people are safe, happy and healthy in order that they can reach their full potential; and have all the opportunities that good parents afford their children.
- 2.3 The reason for the decision is that the Corporate Parenting Strategy is not a Policy Framework document within our constitution currently, and therefore it is approved by the Cabinet. In our approach to ensuring that Corporate Parenting is fully understood and enacted across all Members and Officers, the Cabinet has recommended to Full Council that the Corporate Parenting Strategy be a Policy Framework document which ensures sign up and ownership by all Councillors in their role as Corporate Parents. This will also help to raise the profile of the Strategy and ensure that all activities of the Council align to the Corporate Parenting Strategy.

### 3. Recommendation(s) / Proposed Decision

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1. that the list of Policy Framework documents in the Constitution be updated to include the Corporate Parenting Strategy.

## Appendices

Appendix 1: Cabinet Record of Decision

## Background Documents

Report to the Cabinet on 24 August 2021 – Corporate Parenting Strategy and recommendations of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Board - [Agenda for Cabinet on Tuesday, 24 August 2021, 5.30 pm \(torbay.gov.uk\)](#)

# Supporting Information

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## 1. Introduction

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- 1.1 The previous Corporate Parenting Strategy expired at the end of 2020. From the tone of the previous Strategy it is evident just how far the Council has travelled in its journey to a model of restorative practice and ensuring that our children are at the heart of everything we do as a Council, and it is important that we have a current strategy that reflects this. Following initial consultation, the Cabinet considered an approved an interim revised Corporate Parenting Strategy at its meeting held on 24 August 2021.
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## 2. Options under consideration

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- 2.1 None

## 3. Financial Opportunities and Implications

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- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications of adding Strategy to the list of Policy Framework documents. There are existing financial implications of the Council fulfilling its role as Corporate Parent, and these will continue under this Strategy.

## 4. Legal Implications

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- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications of this proposal. There are existing financial implications of the Council fulfilling its role as Corporate Parent, and these will continue under this Strategy.

## 5. Engagement and Consultation

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- 5.1 The Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Board were consulted on this proposal and the revised Corporate Parenting Strategy on 27 July and 18 August 2021 and supported the proposal to include it as a Policy Framework document in recognition of its strategic importance.

## 6. Purchasing or Hiring of Goods and/or Services

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- 6.1 Not applicable

## 7. Tackling Climate Change

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- 7.1 This proposal will not directly relate to tackling climate change.

## 8. Associated Risks

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- 8.1 None.

## 9. Equality Impacts - Identify the potential positive and negative impacts on specific groups

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	Positive Impact	Negative Impact & Mitigating Actions	Neutral Impact
Older or younger people	The strategy will have a positive impact on young people. It sets out clearly the Council's vision for Corporate Parenting and provides a governance structure to ensure it is delivered. By making the Strategy a Policy Framework document will ensure that all activities of the Council align to the Strategy.		

People with caring Responsibilities			No differential impact
People with a disability			No differential impact
Women or men			No differential impact
People who are black or from a minority ethnic background (BME) (Please note Gypsies / Roma are within this community)			No differential impact
Religion or belief (including lack of belief)			No differential impact
People who are lesbian, gay or bisexual			No differential impact
People who are transgendered			No differential impact
People who are in a marriage or civil partnership			No differential impact
Women who are pregnant / on maternity leave			No differential impact
Socio-economic impacts (Including impact on child poverty issues and deprivation)			No differential impact
Public Health impacts (How will your proposal impact on the general health of the population of Torbay)			No differential impact

## 10. Cumulative Council Impact

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10.1 None

## 11. Cumulative Community Impacts

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11.1 None